

SWEET BRIAR

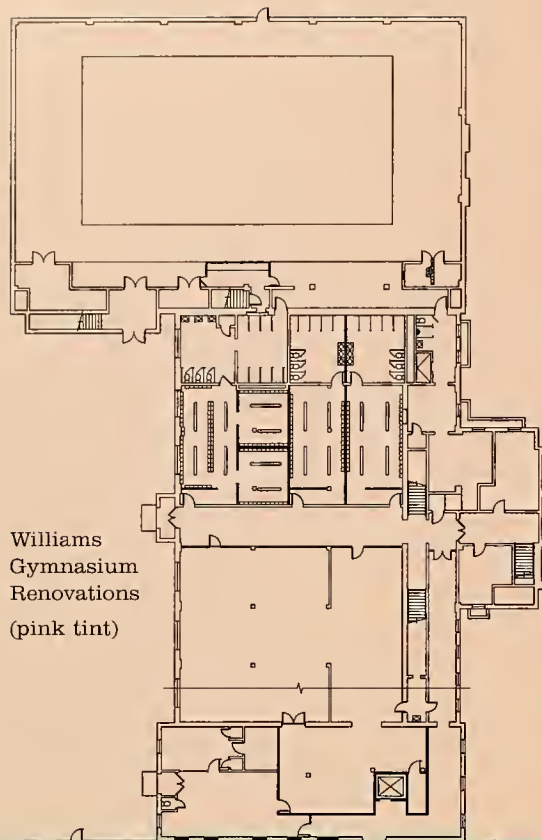
ALUMNAE MAGAZINE



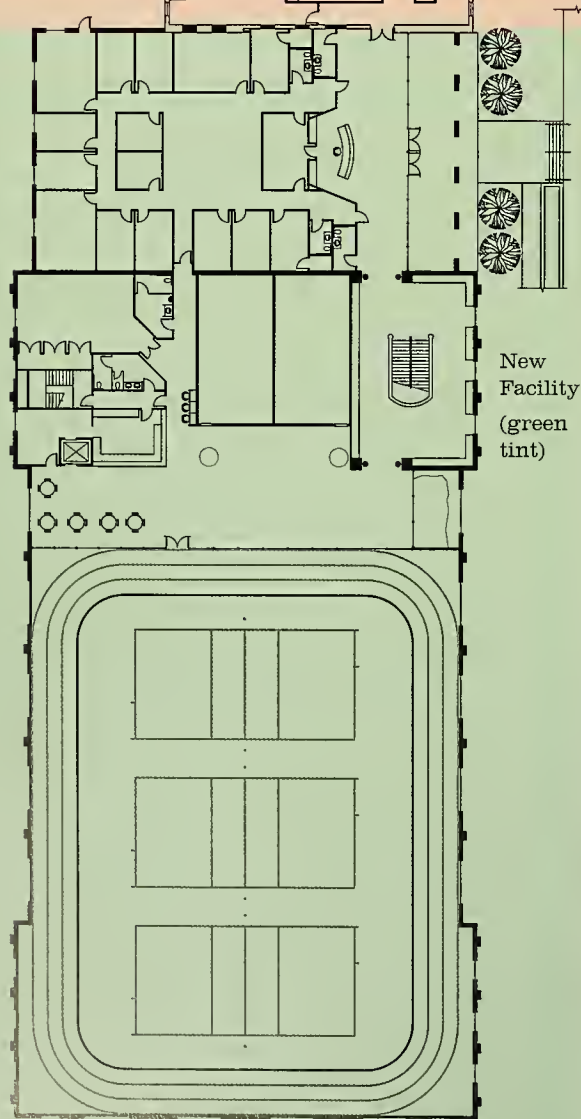
CONSTRUCTING FOR THE FUTURE:

Sweet Briar's Fitness
and Athletics
Yesterday, Today
and Tomorrow

⁷⁷
VOLUME ~~78~~
NUMBER 3
FALL 2006



Williams
Gymnasium
Renovations
(pink tint)



New
Facility
(green
tint)

Looking Ahead— Blueprints for Fitness and Athletics Center

WILLIAMS GYMNASIUM RENOVATIONS, UPPER LEVEL (Not Pictured)

- Spinning/aerobics/fencing

WILLIAMS GYMNASIUM RENOVATIONS, MAIN LEVEL (Not Pictured)

- New floor for volleyball
- Wellness center

WILLIAMS GYMNASIUM RENOVATIONS, LOWER LEVEL

- Cardio and weight/fitness area
- Locker rooms to include visitor/team meeting space
- Sports Medicine

NEW FACILITY, MAIN LEVEL

- Physical Education department, coaches' and other administrative offices
- Conference rooms
- Snack bar with seating
- Classroom
- Computer/internet stations
- Athletics Hall of Fame
- Recreation area with big screen TV, pool table and ping pong table
- Glass walls separating snack bar from suspended track
- Glass windows to view lower level racquetball courts

NEW FACILITY, LOWER LEVEL (Not Pictured)

- Three courts that can be used for tennis, volleyball or basketball (overhead view pictured)
- Climbing wall
- Racquetball courts
- Storage areas

Blueprints will be posted for the Fitness and Athletics Center in their entirety at www.sbc.edu/alumnae and www.sbc.edu/athletics.

contents



Sweet Briar Alumnae Magazine Fall 2006 Val. 77, No. 3

CONSTRUCTING FOR THE FUTURE: SWEET BRIAR'S FITNESS AND ATHLETICS YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW

INSIDE FRONT COVER: Blue Prints for Fitness and Athletics Center

- 2 Playing it Forward
- 3 Physical Fitness: A Sweet Briar Priority
Recommendations of the Fitness and Athletics Committee
- 5 Student Recruitment—The "Gym Effect"
A Student's Perspective
- 6 "Physical Education and the Thing..."
- 7 McCrary "Steps up to the Plate" as Vice President for Development
- 8 The Community Aspect of a New Facility: A Faculty Perspective
- 10 Fitness Bug "Attacks"
- 11 Wellness STEPS Forward
- 12 Daisy Williams Gymnasium: A Source Of Pride At Sweet Briar College—In 1931
- 13 Sports Today
- 14 Spotlight on SBC Head Coaches
- 19 Riding at Sweet Briar
- 20 Spotlight
- 23 Commencement
- 28 2006 Outstanding Alumna Award: Martha Mansfield Clement '48
- 31 Reunion Scrapbook
- 35 Lifetime Of Learning Alumnae Club Award
- 37 Transitions
- 39 Myth vs Reality
- 40 Bulletin Board
- 42 Recent Deaths
- 43 Class Notes
- 64 Calendar of Events; Letters

INSIDE BACK COVER: "In the Sweet Briar Tradition"

WRAPAROUND COVER: Rendering of New Fitness and Athletics Center

SWEET BRIAR ALUMNAE MAGAZINE POLICY
One of the objectives of the magazine is to present interesting, thought-provoking material. Publication of material does not indicate endorsement of the author's viewpoint by the magazine, the Alumnae Association, or Sweet Briar College. The Sweet Briar Alumnae Magazine reserves the right to edit and, when necessary, revise all material that it accepts for publication. Contact us any time!

Boxwood Alumnae House, Box E, Sweet Briar, VA
24595; (434) 381-6131; FAX 434-381-6132;
E-Mail: 1) [Office] alumnae@sbc.edu;
2) [Magazine] sbcmagazine@sbc.edu

Alumnae Association Web site address:
www.alumnae.sbc.edu
Sweet Briar Web site address: www.sbc.edu

THE ALUMNAE OFFICE STAFF
www.sbc.edu/alumnae/staff

Louise Swiecki Zingaro '80
Director, Alumnae Association
Managing Editor, Alumnae Magazine
Melissa Coffey '98
Assistant Director, Tour Coordinator,
Advisory Councils
Melissa Gentry Witherow '80
Assistant Director,
Homecoming Coordinator, Advisory
Councils
Paula Kirkland '06
Assistant Director,
Reunion Program, AAR Program
Bonnie Seitz '01
Assistant Director,
Alumnae Computer Services
Sandra Maddox, AH '59
Assistant to the Director
Nancy Godwin Baldwin '57
Editor, Alumnae Magazine

Sweet Briar Alumnae Magazine Production
Graphic design by The Design Group,
Lynchburg, VA. Printed by Seckman Printing,
Forest, VA.

playing it FORWARD



WHAT A YEAR THIS HAS BEEN—and what a year we are looking forward to! As I write this, student-athletes are returning for serious practice before classes begin. We are ready to welcome the strongest first-year class in two decades. We're planning a terrific Homecoming Weekend to honor our Founders, to introduce

alumnae to today's students and faculty, and to celebrate the successful conclusion of ***Our Campaign For Her World***, the largest fund-raising campaign in Sweet Briar's history (and to date, the largest completed campaign of any undergraduate institution in Virginia or of any women's college outside the New England area). This fall we also commemorate the centennial of the opening of Sweet Briar College in September 1906.

One other thing I'm personally excited about is this *Alumnae Magazine's* focus on wellness and physical fitness. From the very first, Sweet Briar women have deeply valued athletics. Physical well-being through sport and healthy competition was a key element in the brand-new college's commitment to the education of women. It remains so today. Sweet Briar students played the first women's intercollegiate competition in Virginia in 1919, and now look back on a full century of athletic tradition. Just this year, our

Riding Team went to IHSA Nationals in Harrisburg, PA, taking third place overall, and our Swim Team posted the highest team GPA *in the nation* for all teams, women and men, in all three NCAA divisions!

Athletics were so important to our earliest students that they inaugurated our first fund-raising project themselves, to raise money for an athletics facility, opened in 1931 as Daisy Williams Gymnasium. As our Chairman of the Board notes, the gym was state-of-the-art when it was built, but is now embarrassingly inadequate. No wonder that our next major project on campus will be to update and expand our fitness and athletics facilities. As all of you know, physical fitness has become far more important to women than it was 100 years ago. Today's young woman knows that the care she takes of her body will pay dividends throughout her life, and will strengthen her ability to make a difference within her profession and her community.

Happily, ***Our Campaign*** raised seed money to add a major new fitness and athletics center to Daisy Williams Gymnasium, and we will focus this year on completing funds for this project. We'd love to be able to break ground before another Homecoming rolls around!

Physical Fitness: A Sweet Briar Priority

DR. VIRGINIA ("GINGER") UPCHURCH COLLIER '72,
CHAIRMAN, SWEET BRIAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS



The Sweet Briar Promise to our students includes 1) global discovery through international study; 2) resume building internships; 3) research opportunities; 4) customizable majors; 5) multidisciplinary advising teams; and 6) opportunities for student leadership.

As a physician and athlete, I believe we owe it to the entire Sweet Briar community—students, faculty, administration and staff—to add a seventh Promise: 7) the ability to develop

lifetime fitness habits and to pursue athletics in an up-to-date facility. With this seventh Promise comes a new opportunity for Sweet Briar: to design and construct a fitness and athletics center that will serve generations of students to come. With 24, 600 square feet of space, Sweet Briar's Daisy Williams Gymnasium was one of the best in the country...in 1931. Yet, except for the 1977 addition of the Prothro Natatorium (13, 200 sq. ft) and an additional cardiovascular and strength training area (2,000 sq. ft), it remains in its original form. The average competitor facility is 15 years old, and, with almost 60,000 square feet, is twice the size of the Daisy Williams gym. **Indeed, an informal survey of college sports information directors found Sweet Briar to have the smallest NCAA facility in the country and the oldest non-renovated building in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC)!**

Our outdoor fields and riding facilities and of course our 3,200-acre campus set the stage for students to develop fitness habits which will last a lifetime. But, we simply must have an equivalent indoor facility in order to be able to attract scholar-athletes, most of whom have had better facilities in high school. And we must be able to send the message that physical fitness is a Sweet Briar priority. We cannot do this without a new fitness and athletics center.

These are exciting times at Sweet Briar. Our successful capital campaign has allowed us to support scholarships, new programs and faculty, and to build Prothro Commons and renovate many campus buildings. Because of the campaign, we have raised 40% of the funds needed to construct and maintain the new facility.

Please consider "stepping up to the plate" and contributing toward the needed additional funds. Do it for the future of the College and the health of the Sweet Briar community.

With 24, 600 square feet of space, Sweet Briar's Daisy Williams Gymnasium was one of the best in the country...in 1931. Yet, except for the 1977 addition of the Prothro Natatorium (13, 200 sq. ft) and an additional cardiovascular and strength training area (2,000 sq. ft), it remains in its original form.



Recommendations Of The Fitness And Athletics Committee

PAUL DAVIES, VICE PRESIDENT FOR FINANCE AND
ADMINISTRATION, CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE

CHARGE

The formal charge to the Fitness and Athletics Committee was to recommend the design of the interior space of the new field house, the transition building connecting the new field house to the gymnasium, and the renovation of the Daisy Williams Gymnasium. The new facility and renovated gymnasium will be a wellness center that encompasses the needs of our student body, faculty, staff, and visitors.

Based on input received by the committee, plans for the new state-of-the-art facility include two racquetball courts, an elevated running track, climbing wall, and multipurpose surface that can be used for either three basketball, volleyball or tennis

courts or some combination of the three. The multipurpose surface is soft enough for sports, yet resilient enough to accommodate tables and chairs. The new facility will provide "hang out" space, including a snack bar, sitting area, big screen TV, pool and ping pong tables, as well as computers to check e-mail. Office and classroom space will be added to support our wellness and athletic programs. A dedicated hall of fame will be set aside to recognize the College's excellence in athletics.

The old gymnasium will be renovated to expand the current cardiovascular and weight area. The training room will be expanded and the upper dance studio will become a dedicated

MEMBERS OF THE FITNESS AND ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

Paul Davies, Vice President for
Finance & Administration; Chair
of the Committee

Steve Bailey, Director of Physical
Plant

Pam DeWeese, Professor,
Modern Language & Literatures

Jonathan Green, Dean of the
College

Jessica Hopson '07

Sally Old Kitchen '76, Member,
SBC Board of Directors

Kelly Kraft-Meyer, Assistant Dean
of Co-Curricular Life

Kelly Morrison, Athletic Director;
Assistant Professor, Physical
Education

Paul Shaw, Chair, Physical
Education & Athletics
Department

Laura Staman, Director, Outdoor
Programs

Renee Tanner '07

Jenn Wiley '06

Committee members were
selected after consultation with
the Board of Directors' Buildings
and Grounds Committee;
Senior Staff; Faculty Senate;
Co-Curricular Life; and the
Physical Education & Athletics
Department. Co-Curricular Life
and Athletics recommended
the three students, who had
been involved with Student
Government, Co-Curricular
Life, Athletics, and numerous
other committees and activities
on campus, and were willing
to seek input from their fellow
students and to commit their time
to the committee.



**Paul Davies, Chair of the Fitness
and Athletics Committee**

exercise room. The locker
rooms will be remodeled and
the pool updated. The surface
on the basketball court will be
refurbished with a new surface
for volleyball. The entire facility
will be air-conditioned.

TIME LINE

During the February 2006
Board of Directors meetings,
the Building and Grounds
Committee authorized the
College to hire an architect
and work with the Fitness and
Athletics Committee to develop
the basic needs and layout of the
new facility and renovations of
the current facility. The Buildings
and Grounds Committee also
authorized the College to make
minimal improvements to the old
gymnasium over the summer.
These primarily included
purchasing new cardiovascular
and weight equipment and
expanding into the space
formerly occupied by Dance
on the lower level. The Dance
Department now occupies newly-
renovated space in Babcock.

By June 30 the committee
had held two meetings to
establish the basic needs. Several
committee members visited
other institutions, seeking ideas
for our new facility. An RFP
(request for proposal) was
prepared to select the architect.

Five firms submitted bids;
after consultation with the
Chairman of the Buildings and
Grounds Committee, Craddock-
Cunningham in Lynchburg was
selected to work with the College
and to prepare conceptional
drawings to be finalized,
reviewed, and approved by the
Fitness and Athletics Committee,
Senior Staff and members
of the Building and Grounds
Committee. The final plans, cost
and funding will be presented
at the November 2006 meetings
of the Board of Directors. Once
Board approval is granted and
the funding has been secured,
the new facility and renovations
of the gymnasium will be
completed within 12 to 18
months.

FUNDING

The College currently is seeking
funding for the new facility,
which will include a \$1 million
endowment to support the
annual operations. Estimated
construction and renovation cost
is \$9 million, for a total
\$10 million.

**As of June 30, 40%
of the total cost had
been given or pledged
for construction and
renovation.**

NEW STUDENTS, FALL 2006 TOTAL COUNT, NEW STUDENTS: 212

First-Year Students (Class Of
2010): 193

CLASS OF 2010 STATISTICS:

Average GPA (Grade Point
Average): 3.4

Median SAT: 1110

States Represented:

34, + US Virgin Islands, United
Kingdom, Belgium, Sweden

Virginia: 43% (82 Students)

Other Top States:

Texas (16)
Maryland (9)
Pennsylvania (8)
South Carolina (8)
Florida (6)
North Carolina (6)
Ohio (6)
New Jersey (5)
New York (5)

11% (21 Students)

Have SBC Family Connections

**37% Involved
In Competitive Riding**

**48% Played High School
Varsity Sports**



Ken Huus
Photo: Gretchen
Tucker, Director
of Admissions

Student Recruitment— The “Gym Effect”

KENNETH T. HUUS, DEAN OF ADMISSIONS

As we come closer to the point of actually being able to break ground on an addition to the Daisy Williams Gymnasium, the excitement around campus is electric. While I haven't been here very long, I can't imagine any project that has been more anticipated or garnered greater interest from every constituency of our community (students, parents, alumnae, faculty, staff, and friends of the College) than this building project. And certainly those of us who talk with prospective students and their parents every day, and constantly hear about how Sweet Briar's academic programs and facilities compare with those of other colleges around the country, are waiting with keen anticipation to see the plans for the physical structure of the building and how the internal space will be used to make a positive impact on the current student experience.

There exists some strong statistical data from George Dehne (one of the leading gurus on trends in higher education and admissions, and the person who helped Sweet Briar during our Shape of the Future planning process), which suggests that prospective students use a different set of criteria to put colleges on their list (“investment benefits”) than they use in making a decision on which college from that list to attend (“consumption benefits”). According to Mr. Dehne, “investment benefits” include things like the quality of the facilities, strong academic programs, and possibility of getting a good job after college. In recent years, the lack of an adequate gym most likely has prevented Sweet Briar from being on many students' lists.

Simply constructing an addition to the gym will not double our applicant pool, but I do believe there are students out there who haven't considered Sweet Briar because we don't have a high-quality fitness and athletics center. Once the new building has been completed, and the existing gym renovated and updated, we are likely to see an increase in the number of inquirers and campus visitors, and those visitors will be particularly interested in learning how the new facility has improved the student experience and how they see themselves using the facility (“consumption benefits”). Just having the new building will not be enough; we also will need to provide the right kinds of student programming (social functions, “hang-out” options, wellness activities) in that space, so students become excited about using it.

As we move forward with construction and implementation, we will recognize the greatest impact on recruiting as we stay cognizant of how current students use both the physical space and the options included to use that space. I believe the planning committee has been very thoughtful in its discussions to this point, and I have every confidence that we are going to hit a “home run” with the enhanced facility. I'm excited to see this long-talked-about fitness and athletics center become a reality, and I'm especially thankful that we have an alumnae body committed to the College and willing to support our students and the future of Sweet Briar in this endeavor.



A Student's Perspective

JENN WILEY '06, STUDENT-ATHLETE

My experience as a student-athlete at Sweet Briar was irreplaceable. I played both field hockey and lacrosse all four years, and I never missed a game. My coaches were amazing and I loved my teammates. Overall, being a Sweet Briar athlete was a positive experience with many wonderful memories, but it was far from perfect. I loved to play hard and I loved to win. However, no matter how hard I played it was often impossible to win. Our athletic programs are hurting. While many factors influence success, one crucial way to improve the athletic programs and the experience of Sweet Briar student-athletes would be to renovate the existing athletic facility and build additional indoor facilities. **Better facilities would benefit all Sweet Briar athletes—not just varsity sports, but riders, dancers, and other workout buffs.**

The typical practice day during my athletic career began in the training room. Like most Sweet Briar athletes, I was plagued with minor injuries; without the training room I never would have been able to keep my body in working order. I had to get to the training room an hour before practice to fight the pre-practice rush of student-athletes flooding the training room for rehab, tape, and

heating pads. Because of the inadequate facilities, students had to swap heating pads, share tables, and take turns using the rehab equipment. The training room is too small, cramped, and time consuming. Increasing its size would save time for the already-stressed student-athletes and for the overworked athletic training staff.

Once practice time hits, student-athletes gradually make it down to the practice fields, often late from labs or from waiting in the training room. As the fall season grows close to the critical end, near tournament time, practices are gradually cut shorter due to diminishing light. Without lights on the field we lose valuable practice time that could propel our teams higher in the ODAC standings. Likewise, in the spring, the February practices can barely last more than an hour because we do not have lights on the field or an indoor facility to use. The limited practice time is not only challenging for the student-athletes, but also for the coaches who must do their best to cram as many skills and knowledge drills as possible into our heads. Coaches are further challenged because all sports do not have assistant coaches; as a result, many student-athletes never reach their full potential because of the lack of individual attention. Sweet Briar rightfully prides itself on the low student-to-teacher ratio, which allows students to receive one-on-one attention, catalyzing academic growth at an accelerated rate; however, with a high athlete-to-coach ratio and limited practice time, athletes cannot fully grow and learn.

Practice time is further compromised by the meager indoor facilities. I never played an indoor sport, but any time that it rained, depending on the season, each outdoor sport—field hockey, tennis, soccer, lacrosse, and softball—had to fight over limited indoor facilities, which often were occupied already by volleyball and swimming. Without access to indoor facilities, valuable practices were constantly cancelled. It is impossible for an athletic program to compete with those of other schools if practice time continually is lost due to limited facilities. Furthermore, the indoor facilities are not air-conditioned so that athletes, especially volleyball players practicing during August, often suffer from heat exhaustion.

While the athletic facilities were at one time impressive and state-of-the-art, they have become a mockery at other schools. Sweet Briar athletes are losing ground against the competition. The ability for Sweet Briar coaches to recruit and field teams is hindered because of the athletic facilities. Competitive student-athletes are deterred from Sweet Briar by our unappealing facilities, as our rival schools have impressive indoor/outdoor complexes that drive their successful athletic programs. As a passionate and extremely competitive former Sweet Briar student-athlete, I want to bring back the excellent athletic programs that once existed. I am positive that with new facilities, Sweet Briar sports will improve and once again rise to the top of our conference standings. New facilities and improved athletics will complement our impressive riding program and academic programs, finally making Sweet Briar College the well-rounded top-rated institution for HER world.



Paul Shaw

“Physical Education and the Thing...”

PAUL SHAW, LECTURER, CHAIR, PHYSICAL EDUCATION

A new athletic/wellness facility would be of great benefit to the College, giving both Admissions and Athletics another tool to market our programs. On campus, overall health of students and staff would be better served. A quality wellness facility would provide additional space for social interaction. The facility would enable us to “house” bands, concerts, graduation and other College functions when needed; student retention would be enhanced.

Less obvious is the aid it would provide to the instructional program in Physical Education. It is important that we have the ability and facilities to offer diverse quality programs. We are constantly reviewing our menu of course options. How do we evolve what we have to better serve our community? What are the current trends in Physical Education and fitness? What do our constituents want and need?

The new facility would give us more options: with more options come better choices.

Strength training and other classes are filled to capacity; we would be able to address this with a larger workout area. Current resources don’t allow us to deliver popular classes such as spinning, aerobics and racketball. This is all very important to both current and future students. As we grow our various programs, one could foresee the addition of a Physical Education certification component to complement our strong Education Department.

The future is bright and we welcome the addition of this much-needed facility.

McCrory “Steps up to the Plate” as Vice President for Development

KRISTIN DANE EWING, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

On July 1, 2006, Heidi Hansen McCrory officially began her responsibilities as Vice President for Development replacing Ivana Pelnar-Zaiko, who retired from the position after successfully completing the largest capital campaign in Sweet Briar’s history, raising over \$110 million dollars.

A cum laude graduate of Southern Methodist University, Heidi holds a Master of Arts in English from the University of North Carolina, Greensboro. Following graduation from college, she worked in public relations and marketing, then became Director of Development at New England College, NH. She moved to UNC Greensboro as Director of Development for Academic Programs, 1993–1997, and served as Director of Development at Randolph-Macon Woman’s College from 1997–2000, managing R-MWC’s development program and the early years of its \$75 million campaign.

Heidi joined the development staff at Sweet Briar in August 2000 as Executive Director of Development, overseeing the operations of annual giving, stewardship and research, and computer systems support, as well as assisting with major gifts in the campaign. In 2003 she was named Associate Vice President for Development. In addition to developing, recruiting and staffing the Development Leadership Council, she has provided support to the Friends of Art, and Friends of Athletics.

Heidi has enjoyed every minute of the last six years that she has been at Sweet Briar and looks forward to continuing the momentum gained from the campaign as she takes on her new responsibilities as Vice President for Development. Heidi commends the College Board of Directors and the college administrators for supporting the Development Office as they “step up to the plate.” She notes, “Often after a big campaign colleges cut back and slow down until the next campaign. Sweet Briar is doing the opposite and boldly moving forward in our philanthropy and fund-raising.” **She believes the biggest priorities in the near future for the Development Office are to raise funds to renovate Williams Gymnasium and build a new fitness and athletics center; increase the endowment; and, grow the Annual Fund.**

Through *Our Campaign For Her World* about 40% of the total necessary funding for the new facility was given or pledged. More support will be needed to cover the costs of renovating the old gym, constructing the new fitness and athletics center, and developing an endowment for the operating expenses once the facility is completed.

“This project will resonate with alumnae who perhaps haven’t been as involved as leaders in alumnae giving in the past. It will be appealing to younger alumnae, but also to all of our alumnae interested in insuring that our fitness and athletics programs will be on a par with the high quality of every other aspect of the Sweet Briar experience.”

Having been a student-athlete herself, Heidi clearly recognizes the need for this new facility and feels that alumnae also understand its importance: “This project will resonate with alumnae who perhaps haven’t been as involved as leaders in alumnae giving in the past. It will be appealing to younger alumnae, but also to all of our alumnae interested in insuring that our fitness and athletics programs will be on a par with the high quality of every other aspect of the Sweet Briar experience.” In order to complete the fund-raising for the project the Development Office will work with a steering committee comprised of alumnae, parents and friends, and with the Friends of Athletics, an invaluable resource. The volunteers will help raise funds by extending and strengthening the efforts of the Development Office and making face-to-face contacts. “Our volunteers are passionate advocates and skilled solicitors for the College. They made the capital campaign an unprecedented success and they will be instrumental in the success of raising funds for the new facility.”

Heidi hopes all alumnae realize “every gift makes a difference.” Sweet Briar is certainly a special place, and has a uniqueness that Heidi can only define as “the Sweet Briar thing.” She hopes that everyone who values and loves the College will care enough to invest in it and help it grow stronger every day.



Heidi Hansen McCrory

The Community Aspect of a New Athletics Facility: A Faculty Perspective

Interviews with
Dr. Pam DeWeese,
Professor of Modern
Language and
Literatures and
Dr. Jim Kirkwood,
Professor of
Mathematical
Sciences

JENNIFER MCMANAMAY,
STAFF WRITER/MEDIA
RELATIONS COORDINATOR

To examine the potential impact of the proposed new athletics complex on the Sweet Briar community, we posed questions to two faculty members we thought were uniquely suited to talk on the subject. Professor of Spanish Pam DeWeese recently was named the faculty athletic representative and serves on the Fitness and Athletics Committee. She also uses the current gym regularly. Professor of Math Jim Kirkwood probably works out on the cardio and weight equipment at Williams Gym more than anyone else on campus. An avid proponent of fitness and athletics, he served on a previous wellness committee and is a longtime supporter of SBC athletics.

Q: What are your responsibilities as the College's faculty athletic representative?

Pam: I'm still learning because I just started, but I believe my role is to support student athletes in as many ways as possible. There is some sense among students that faculty are not always aware of their responsibilities when they're on varsity teams. They would like to have a faculty person who can be an advocate for them and advise them in certain situations about how to combine academics and athletics. So there'll be an advising component in that sense.

Q: Describe the atmosphere in Williams Gym.

Jim: It's cramped and dark compared to other colleges. Several years ago, maybe eight now, Valdrie Walker, who was dean of co-curricular life, and I co-chaired a study on wellness and as part of that committee we toured several colleges. It was clear that most places had put a lot of effort into upgrading [their facilities]—not just for their varsity athletes but for the student body—and that they were using it as a recruiting tool.

The facility at Hollins University would just knock your socks off. Randolph-Macon Woman's College was far superior to Sweet Briar's wellness and recreational facilities as well.

Now I'm talking about the gym and not the athletic fields. [Sweet Briar's] athletic fields and tennis courts seem to be in good shape.

Q: What does Williams Gym offer?

Jim: I think the aerobic equipment and the weight equipment are good quality. You can dispute whether there's enough of it. From my experience the weights seem to be available immediately to almost anybody who wants to use them. The aerobic equipment is good but it's fairly heavily

used and there are times of the day when you can expect to wait to use it.

Also, it would be really great if they could expand the hours the athletic facilities are open, especially on weekends.

Q: What's the problem with the current gym and wellness facilities?

Pam: They're antiquated. They don't meet current standards for [NCAA] play in some sports. They're too small. The facility sends the message that we're not interested in student athletes and we definitely don't want to send that message. Our priority has been the academic program, as well it should be. But at the same time, now students see their participation in athletics as part of their total academic experience, as they should. This is a critical point for enrollment and retention issues. So we need to be moving quickly to do as much as we can within our budget to improve these facilities.

Q: You are on the Fitness and Athletics Committee. What is its role?

Pam: Basically to figure out what uses we need for the new field house that we're hoping to build. To look at what other schools have done and see what fits for us and what doesn't. We're trying to be inclusive and see how much we can get for the money we have to spend that will speak to a lot of different constituencies and help bring people together on campus.

We do need more informal spaces for everyone on campus to congregate and feel comfortable, and we have talked about that aspect particularly. It won't be exactly like a student union, but there should be flexibility of space, for example, to have a dance or concert there. There are flooring options available that would meet athletic needs as well as different types of events.

Q: Besides attracting good students, are there other academic advantages?

Pam: If we do it thoughtfully and creatively, we're going to provide a facility that will have many uses. We want to make it a welcoming space so that people are urged to think about how they might use it as an alternative to classroom or laboratory spaces, party spaces for co-curricular life, or events of different sorts. I see it as being a multifunctional facility, and I think that this is the consensus of the gym committee as well.

Q: Who do you interact with at the gym now?

Jim: Students you see there; not so much staff and faculty. There's a few of the staff and faculty that use the gym, but if the new facility increases that group I think it would be good for health insurance. That sounds silly, but if you're in good health you spend less on health insurance than if you're not.

Q: Why is it important for faculty, staff and students to have access to a gym?

Jim: Physical fitness and health. It's important to have these facilities available because people tend not to go off campus to try to have a physical fitness program. It's a tremendously important aspect of your life. I think physical fitness and mental wellness go hand in hand.

It's also an opportunity to socialize. When you see students in the gym, it's different from when you see them in class and you get to know them in a different way. It's good academically. I think if a student knows a professor in that setting and if she has problems with her classes she's more likely to come by [the office] and get help. She gets to know you as a person. I think it promotes a relationship between the various groups on campus that's healthy.

And I think that establishing a pattern of working out [in college] is important, because as you get older facilities tend to be more remote. You are beginning something new in what might be a strange environment, workout partners are not as easy to find, et cetera. These factors make it less likely that a person will begin a fitness program after leaving.

Q: Plans call for a new field house, renovating Williams Gym and expanding the cardio and weight rooms. How will these improvements build community?

Pam: Faculty, staff, their families, alumnae, students and prospective students become a part of our community whenever they are on campus. For students, the Sweet Briar campus becomes their home and provides them with a sense of belonging, a sense of place. And the gym more and more, and athletic facilities in general, are the places where many constituencies come together. They are a part of our Homecoming events now as in the case of the games between current athletes and alumnae. Alumnae hold memories of participation in athletics very close to their hearts, and they're happy to see that it's important to current students as well. These sorts of activities build that holistic sense of community, where yes, everyone knows academics

is Job No. 1, but at the same time athletics helps feed and motivate spirit.

Athletics, particularly if you aren't a great athlete, also has other benefits, for example, reducing stress. You have to maintain your sense of humor in the gym. You're never looking your best. It's very humanizing. In the gym you're not representative of a role anymore. You're not just a student or just a faculty member. I think this is positive for all of us because it makes us see and begin to understand the whole person. And that is what Sweet Briar is about —developing and valuing the whole person.

Q: Upgrades may attract some new users, but will the investment benefit those who are not and likely never will be "gym rats"?

Jim: I think you can make the case that there are people who will use a nice facility who will not use an outdated one, [but] I don't think any facility will reach everyone.

The other thing I would like to see happen is that this become kind of a hangout for the students. The juice bar is a great idea. I notice they have proposed some computers (and a recreational area with TV and games lounge). If you're going over there just to hang out, that's good in itself: you've got a place to hang out besides just your dorm room where you're looking at television. It's just healthier to be out with other people, but it also might encourage you to exercise, which would be good for your health.

Q: Will it really make a difference if the gym is old but has the basic stuff that you need versus being new and leading edge?

Jim: There's a difference between reality and perception. If you use good equipment you're probably going to get the same workout regardless, whether you're in a closet or you're in a bright place. I think a huge factor, though, in recruiting students is the appearance of the facility. It's also natural that more people would use a facility that has a pleasant appearance.



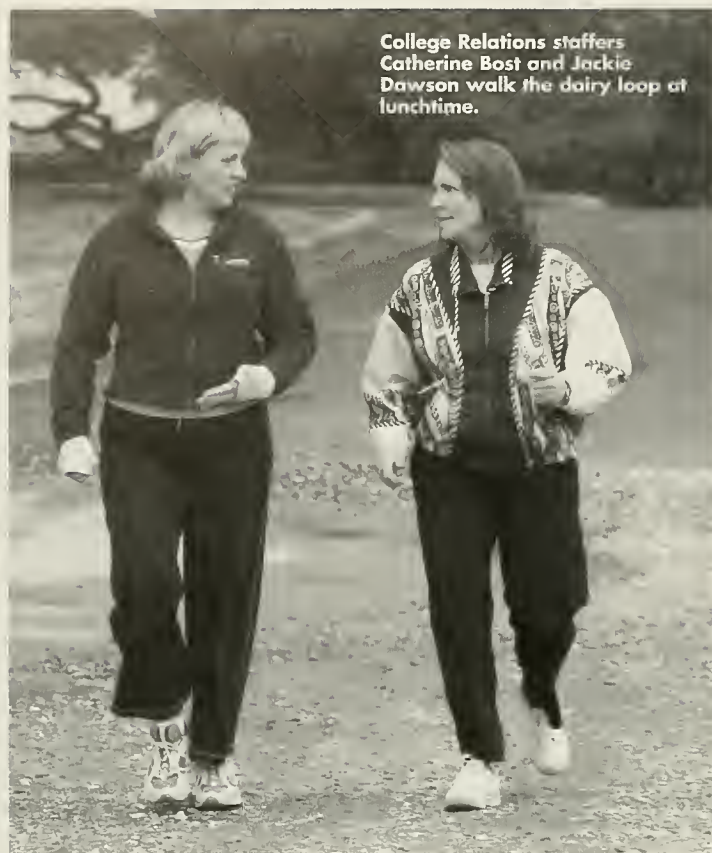
Dr. Pam DeWeese

"Our priority has been the academic program, as well it should be. But at the same time, now students see their participation in athletics as part of their total academic experience, as they should. This is a critical point for enrollment and retention issues."



Dr. Jim Kirkwood

"When you see students in the gym, it's different from when you see them in class and you get to know them in a different way. It's good academically."



College Relations staffers Catherine Bost and Jackie Dawson walk the dairy loop at lunchtime.

Suzanne Ramsey

Fitness Bug “Attacks”

Sweet Briar College Faculty, Staff and Students Embark On Fitness Challenge

SUZANNE RAMSEY, STAFF WRITER,
SBC COLLEGE RELATIONS OFFICE

It wasn't a nasty flu bug that made the winter of 2006 memorable at Sweet Briar College, but a fitness bug that swept through the 3,200-acre campus like a pandemic. Everywhere you looked during the month of February, people were walking, jogging, lifting weights, participating in all sorts of physical exercise—and enjoying it.

It was all part of the Spring Break Challenge, a fitness competition organized by Sweet Briar's Physical Education Department. Originating with an idea from Lacrosse Coach/Physical Education Instructor Missy Ackerman '87, the program ballooned into a campus-wide event attracting more than 120 faculty, staff and students.

Missy's goal was to start a similar fitness program in the Amherst community but she needed a grant to make it happen. Thinking a pilot program might bolster her co-worker's grant proposal, Associate Professor of Physical Education Bonnie Kestner came up with the Spring Break Challenge.

The idea was simple. After an initial fitness assessment and information session, participants would set goals, round up an accountability partner and embark on a five-week exercise program. Points would be awarded for exercise sessions completed—five points for each 30-minute session or intramural activity—with a

program goal of 100 points. Those reaching the goal would receive a T-shirt and certificate.

To help facilitate the program, Bonnie recruited Athletic Trainer Shelly Taylor and James McGhee from Co-Curricular Life. “Shelly was instrumental in all aspects of the planning, compiling educational materials, organizing and implementing the assessments and writing up and distributing assessment results,” Bonnie said. “She was also an excellent resource person for questions about injuries and other exercise and health issues.” James McGhee agreed to co-sponsor the event, helping with publicity and providing T-shirts and certificates. With plans in place, all they needed was a few willing souls. An invitation was sent out to the campus community via e-mail and the response was shocking—albeit pleasantly so. **“We were thinking we might have approximately 30 participants, and we ended up with 121 people registering,” Bonnie said.**

For some, the Spring Break Challenge was just the catalyst needed to jump-start an exercise regimen. “This has been a gentle kick in the gut,” German Professor Ron Horwege said during week three of the program. “After getting lazy in the last several years, I am trying to get back into a more active lifestyle.” To meet program requirements, Ron took up walking, weight lifting and riding a stationary bike that had been gathering dust in his basement. “I hope to increase my

strength and stamina and get back to old habits of moving around, hiking, visiting the gym and swimming,” he said.

For others, the Spring Break Challenge made them accountable, rain or shine. “I did it to give myself an incentive to up my exercise regimen and make it consistent regardless of the weather or time constraints,” Riding Program Director Shelby French said. “Just having to report in every week was the impetus that I needed.”

College Relations staffers, Media Assistant Jackie Dawson and Assistant Director, College Relations/Director of Publications Catherine Bost teamed up several times a week to walk a three-mile loop from their office. At times, when lunch seemed a more appealing option than trekking the dusty road to the stables and back, Jackie was glad to have her accountability buddy. “When I wanted to



Challenge organizers Shelly Taylor and Bonnie Kestner time participants in the 1-mile walk. Husband and wife, Jim and Catherine Bast, stretch out before a timed 1-mile walk at the post-Challenge assessment.

eat, Catherine reminded me that I needed to exercise and when she wanted to eat, I reminded her,” she said. “Luckily we weren't usually hungry on the same day.”

Wellness STEPS Forward

BONNIE KESTNER, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND ATHLETICS, WELLNESS CONSULTANT

Beginning with the class of 2010, First-Year students will have the opportunity to participate in a multi-faceted program called STEPS addressing wellness issues pertinent to college students. STEPS consists of five components which students will be encouraged to complete early in their first semester with the objective of improving their health status and preventing problems later in life. The components, which correspond to the letters in the STEPS acronym, are:

- Sexual Assault/Sexual Health
- Time Management
- Eating and Exercise
- Psychological Health Issues
- Substance Abuse

There will be a variety of options for completing the program, including speakers, discussion groups, an individual tutorial session on time management, online programs and independent study. Co-Curricular Life staff along with student leaders who are Sweet PEAS (peer health educators) and First-Year Assistants (FYAs) will facilitate most aspects of the program. Students will use a passport system to track their participation in each of the components. Those wishing to go a "step" further may participate in the Personal Exercise Program (PEP) option, in which they will design and participate in their own exercise program over a five-week period. If they complete PEP in addition to the STEPS component, they may receive Physical Activity course credit.

STEPS was developed by Associate Professor and Wellness Consultant Bonnie Kestner in conjunction with the Wellness Task Force, the Co-Curricular Life Staff and Kelly Kraft-Meyer, Acting Dean of Co-Curricular Life. Bonnie says **"We are excited about this unique program because it is dynamic, flexible and tailored to the needs of Sweet Briar."**

All students will have the opportunity to participate in programs offered under the umbrella of the College's overall wellness program, B'Well, in which a variety of presentations will highlight wellness topics and awareness weeks throughout the year. Kelly explains, "This program truly fits the model of co-curricular life. It is the result of faculty, staff and students collaboratively working to blend and coordinate the many individual wellness-focused efforts that exist into one overarching, far-reaching program. The possibility of a Health and Wellness facility is a wonderful bonus to the initiative!"



Bonnie Kestner



German professor Ron Harwege does the sit-and-reach test at the post-challenge assessment.

The Spring Break Challenge inadvertently benefited another event that took place this past spring in Amherst—the American Cancer Society Relay For Life. While walking one afternoon, Payroll Coordinator Cindy Sale and "Powell's Posse"—named after posse member Registrar Debbie Powell—were inspired to do their part in the fight against cancer and signed up for the Relay. While walking together, the eight-woman Posse got some good-natured ribbing from co-workers. Some asked why they weren't running; others joked that they monopolized entire parking lots when they walked through en masse. "It's all worth it, though," Cindy said at the time. "We walk and talk at the same time and enjoy each other's company as we walk to make ourselves healthier."

According to Bonnie Kestner, about half of the people who signed up for the Spring Break Challenge followed through with the program, a statistic she and Shelly Taylor found encouraging. They hope to make it an annual event, a sentiment echoed by Catherine Bost, Ron Horwege and other participants.

"This has been one of the best programs offered at Sweet Briar," Catherine said. "There are a lot of people like myself that want to be healthier and in better physical shape, but they are not quite sure where to begin or how. The Challenge has pointed us in the right direction. Not only will we reap the benefits from being more physically fit, but the College will, too, through less downtime because of illness and injury. I hope this will become an annual event."

For Ron, the fitness wake-up call was a good thing. He plans to keep exercising and to sign up for next year's Challenge. "I do feel better and that extra spring in the step is nice," he said. "I also hope the gentle kick will take away some of the gut."

Daisy Williams Gymnasium:

A Source Of Pride At Sweet Briar College—In 1931

JENNIFER CRISPEN, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION, HEAD VARSITY FIELD HOCKEY COACH

It was a proud day in June, 1931 when the cornerstone was laid for the Daisy Williams Gymnasium. Particularly significant was the role students had played in raising the \$82,000 for the construction of the new facility. The fund-raising began with the senior play of 1923, when a plaque of the Sweet Briar seal was auctioned for \$12, and continued under the enthusiastic leadership of Athletic Association officers.

Sports were serious business in the rural setting of the College. They provided the prescribed healthful exercise of the day, and were an integral part of the social life. Competition between classes was spirited and intense. Athletic garb of the time was middy blouses over black wool bloomers; the venue was the low-ceilinged basement of Grammer Dormitory. A new facility was long overdue, a crisis that would repeat itself some 75 years later.

Harriet Howell Rogers came to Sweet Briar in 1924. An energetic redhead, she carefully planned the new facility to reflect state-of-the-art athletic construction. Inclusion of a pool was part of the early plans for the gym, but the financial straits of the late '20s made it an unattainable luxury. Nonetheless, Williams Gymnasium was spectacular for its time, with polished hardwood floors, a dance studio, balcony seating, and a dressing room. Chinese lilacs were planted on either side of the main doors, their flowering in June timed to match the potential of a rainy-day graduation in the new gym.

The gym remained virtually unchanged until the spring of 1976, when Charles and Elizabeth Perkins Prothro '39 donated funds for the construction of a natatorium to celebrate Sweet Briar's 75th anniversary. A gift of \$200,000 was earmarked for maintenance of the new facility and \$800,000 for building the pool. According to the Spring 1976 issue of the *Alumnae Magazine*, the project included "...partial renovation of the adjoining gymnasium. The present dressing room will be remodeled and a smaller room will be added for men. Plans have also been made to install hair dryers in the women's dressing room."

President Harold B. Whiteman and Vice President/Treasurer Peter V. Daniel were heavily involved in the planning process. Peter was an intercollegiate diver at Dartmouth and would coach diving at

Sweet Briar in the first years of the new swimming program: Harold Whiteman played football at Yale and was a shameless promoter of the role athletics played in the lives of students.

Nearly 30 years have passed since that last renovation. In the interim, small but important changes have been made. The Class of 1999 and Mollie Johnson Nelson '64 updated the fitness room and provided new cardio equipment seven years ago. The Goodman Foundation added new Cybex equipment and improvements to the weight room in 2002. Both facilities are jammed with students, faculty, and staff, and already are overcrowded.

Williams Gymnasium is now the smallest functioning gymnasium among NCAA schools. The quality of our athletic and wellness facilities, and our competitive program impact enrollment. Statistics on recent entering classes reflect student interest in athletics: 56% of incoming students have played a sport (not including riding) in high school, with 44% involved at the varsity level. Today's students come from high schools and even middle schools with facilities that far surpass ours. They expect college to be better in all aspects—curriculum, professors, residential life, and athletic opportunities.

According to the Women's Sports Foundation, "Title IX will continue to produce generations of women who will pursue sport as well as fitness activities. This is propelled by two factors: (1) a concern for women's health and (2) recognition that learning the lessons of sport contribute to being successful after graduation. A 2002 study by the Oppenheimer Foundation found that four out of five executive businesswomen (82%) played sports growing up, and the vast majority attributed their success to what they learned on the playing field.

The plans for the new field house and renovations to the Daisy Williams Gymnasium reflect the College's recognition of the role of athletics and wellness in women's lives. As we move into the final, and crucial, stages of fund-raising, it is important that like those Sweet Briar students of the '20s, we all make a commitment to seeing state-of-the-art athletic facilities again be a source of pride at Sweet Briar College.



Sports Today

JENNIFER CRISPEN, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION, HEAD VARSITY FIELD HOCKEY COACH

In the early history of women's intercollegiate sports, the standard was set by women's colleges. Recognizing the role of exercise in the health of women, educators at women's colleges deliberately promoted athletics in the lives of their students. Even more significant, it was the southern women's colleges that first engaged in intercollegiate athletics, taking sports beyond the restraints of play days and intramurals. A field hockey match between Sweet Briar and Westhampton College (now the University of Richmond) in 1919 was the first intercollegiate contest for women in Virginia. Sweet Briar won, by the way. Women's colleges continued successful competition for years.

As pressure increased in the early seventies for institutions to meet the equity mandates of Title IX, schools having both men's and women's programs responded by increasing budgets, competitive opportunities, and staffing to achieve comparable status for their women's programs. The single-sex institutions, without the impetus of meeting institutional gender equity guidelines, have in most cases lagged behind their coed peers. In contrast to their history in the early part of the 20th century, the southern women's colleges, including Sweet Briar, have been particularly slow in matching the institutional commitment and budgetary support given to women's programs in coed institutions. Our northern counterparts, Smith, Mount Holyoke, and Wellesley have made significant additions in facilities, budgets, and programs, with resulting success in intercollegiate sports as well

as campus-wide involvement in wellness.

Each year our conference awards the Commissioner's Cup, based on point standings in all conference-sponsored sports for men, women, and overall. Significantly, the three women's colleges have ranked dead last in each of the past several years when ranked against the women's programs of the other conference schools.

Are we terrible? No. Sweet Briar student-athletes continue to be successful, both in and out of the classroom, but the impressive athletic achievements of the eighties occur with less regularity today.

For Sweet Briar to return to state and national prominence in athletics, success must be consistent. As recruitment and retention of quality student-athletes improves, team rosters will show more depth and numbers. Sweet Briar already boasts one of the top coaching staffs in the country. The improvement of athletic facilities will have a profound impact on the College's ability to attract top student-athletes. **The ultimate goal is to elevate athletics at Sweet Briar to the level of the College's nationally-recognized academic program, improving the excellence of the total Sweet Briar experience.**



Jennifer Crispen



- Beginning in 2000, seven SBC athletes have been named to the All-State Field Hockey Team and one, goalkeeper, Jenn Wiley '06, has been honored four times
- The tennis team posted its strongest tournament record in years in the fall of 2001 and was undefeated in Division III dual match play
- In 2002, the College hosted the Division III Women's National Tennis Championships for the second time
- In 2002 the swimming team finished 9-1 and second in the ODAC
- Volleyball players Briona Beckham '04 and Anne Benham '04 ranked in the top five nationally in two categories in 2003
- The fencing team won the 2004 state epee and sabre competitions and finished second as a team overall
- Lacrosse coach Missy Ackerman (Class of '87) was ODAC Lacrosse Coach of the Year in 2004
- First-year Nicole Snyder was the ODAC Swimming Rookie of the Year in 2005 and coach Jason Galloher was Conference Coach of the Year
- The 2005 lacrosse team posted its best record (10-6) since 1988, defeated Lynchburg College for the first time since 1988 to get to the semifinals of the ODAC Championships, and Ellie Donohue '08 was named Rookie of the Year
- Field hockey coach Jennifer Crispen was inducted into the field hockey coaches Hall of Fame in 2005
- Hockey goalkeeper Jenn Wiley '06 set conference and national records for career saves, and was named Player of the Year in the ODAC
- In March 2006, President Muhlenfeld and Dean Green threw out the first pitches on Sweet Briar's new softball field
- Sophomore Krystal Ellis pitched the softball program's first no-hitter in the spring of 2006; she also hit the first home run
- The 2006 swim team was named a Division III Academic All-America Team by the College Swim Coaches Association for the fall season; their 3.46 team GPA ranked 4th among all Division III teams (See p. 15 for exciting July 2006 update!)
- In the spring of 2006 the tennis team was awarded the conference Sportsmanship Award
- In the spring of 2006 the tennis courts were renovated returning them to the standard that enables the College to host national championships

Spotlight on SBC Head Coaches

CAMERON ADAMS, ASSISTANT SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTOR



Coach Beth Huus talks with team members

BETH HUUS: HEAD VOLLEYBALL COACH

Beth Huus coaches by teaching—often she works one-on-one with her student-athletes to help them improve individually and as a member of the team. “My goal is to develop the *whole* volleyball player by focusing on technique, tactics, strength and fitness, team unity, communication, and personal development,” says Beth, who also coaches a USA Volleyball club team.

Beth played collegiate volleyball at Gettysburg College, receiving first-team All-Centennial Conference honors and twice playing in the National Collegiate

Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III National Championship Tournament. Since coming to Sweet Briar from Earlham College in 2004, she has used her playing experience to help rebuild the volleyball program. **In her first season, she inherited a small team with one returning player and six first-year varsity athletes. In 2005, she filled the roster with 11 players and this season brought in 10 talented recruits.**

“We have created a competitive and fun environment of which players want to be a part,” Beth says. Most importantly, as the squad size has increased, so has the number of players with strong volleyball backgrounds. This increase in the number of student-athletes who want to play college volleyball at Sweet Briar means Beth can choose who makes the roster, selecting student-athletes with strong volleyball skills and commitment to the team.

“I look for players who understand the game of volleyball, are athletic, can adapt to our style of play, and will put the team first,” she says. “Passion for the game is important, as are the abilities to prioritize responsibilities, set goals and contribute to team success.”

Team is a big part of volleyball and one of the strengths of Sweet Briar’s team. While Beth’s teams have been small in size, her student-athletes have not lacked commitment or work ethic. Her players have made a commitment to the team and have understood that each plays a pivotal role in the team’s success. With as few as one extra player on the bench, the team would be handicapped if a player missed practice, let alone a game.

This team commitment led to the program’s first win under Beth’s coaching last season. In addition to picking up its first win, the team’s level of play also increased last season, helping Sweet Briar compete with the top teams in the conference.

Beth feels that making the commitment to be part of Sweet Briar volleyball has given her players “a real feeling of accomplishment,

dedication, and team effort, as well as an understanding of what it takes to do each of those things well.”

The next step for the volleyball program is the completion of the new fitness and athletics center. The new facility will help Beth recruit more strong volleyball players to Sweet Briar and improve their skills once they are on campus. “We will be able to practice on two courts, allowing for greater repetition of skills, which is vital to improvement in volleyball,” she says.

HILLARY LONDON: NEW HEAD LACROSSE COACH, ASSISTANT FIELD HOCKEY COACH

Hillary Kate London joined the coaching staff in August as the new students arrived on campus. She came to Sweet Briar College after serving as the head coach at Salve Regina University in Rhode Island for the past two years. Prior to Salve Regina, she was an assistant and head coach in both sports at Vassar College. Her first day at Sweet Briar was August 1, 2006.

“I am so excited to have a coach of Hillary’s experience join our team and continue to build our Lacrosse program,” says Sweet Briar Athletic Director Kelly Morrison. “Hillary has done an outstanding job developing the program at Salve Regina and she will continue to build the program at SBC.”

Hillary also will be assisting the Field Hockey program. In two short years she was able to take Salve field hockey from a 5–11 record to a 14–4 finish. Each year she has had a minimum of three players on the All-Conference team and consistently had 12 players selected for the NFHCA and IWLC Academic Squads.

Hillary is taking over an already successful lacrosse program. Over the past few

years the Lacrosse team has been on the rise, including a semi-final appearance in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference Championship. **This year four Vixens were named to the ODAC Women’s Lacrosse All-Conference Team.**

She also brings a recreation, leadership and wellness component to the position. While at Salve Regina, Hillary was an instructor of new student seminar courses and created a recreation program to serve the students, faculty, staff, and families of the campus community.



Coach Hillary London



JASON GALLAHER: HEAD SWIM COACH

Among his greatest Sweet Briar coaching moments, Jason Gallaher lists winning the Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) Coach of the Year award at the 2004–05 conference championship meet, and seeing one of his swimmers honored with conference Rookie of the Year honors at that same meet.

A National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) National Champion and All-American swimmer, Jason graduated from Fairmont State College in 1996 and received his master's degree from California University of Pennsylvania in 2003. Before bringing his talents to Sweet Briar, he coached a year at California U. as a graduate assistant and served as head assistant coach for the Tide Swim Team in Virginia Beach, VA.

On the pool deck, Jason describes his coaching style as that of a teacher. "No matter what the swimmers' backgrounds might be, they can only get better if they better understand the sport. The more they understand about swimming, the better athletes they become."

A great knowledge of swimming is something Jason hopes his swimmers take with them upon leaving Sweet Briar. In addition to swimming knowledge, he feels his swimmers leave with self-discipline and time management skills. Proof of this came during the Fall 2005 season when the team compiled the fourth best team GPA (Grade Point Average) among Division III women's swim teams to capture College Swim Coaches Association of America (CSCAA) Division III Women's Academic All-America honors. We learned in July that for the Spring 2006 semester, **our swim team posted the highest GPA (3.76) of any team in the nation—women's or men's, in all three NCAA divisions.** Clearly, the members of the Swim Team were spending hours in the library and the laboratory as well as all those hours of practice in the Prothro Natatorium.

Jason's student-athletes also leave Sweet Briar with lifelong friends. These friendships and his swimmers' total team support are two attributes that set the Vixens apart from other swim programs in Jason's eyes. "They seem to care about one another as much as any team I have coached," he says.

As with most athletic programs, Jason has experienced the highs of winning and the lows of defeat in his three years on campus, but his teams have finished each season with a winning record. Aside

from the wins and losses, Jason has seen his swimmers make great individual time improvements over the course of the season and at the conference championship meet.

At the 2004–05 ODAC/Atlantic States Swimming Championships, at which Jason was honored, Sweet Briar finished fourth with eight top-five finishes. The Vixens followed this past year with 16 personal-best times.

One obstacle his team has overcome in order to put together back-to-back-to-back winning seasons is small squad size. In the dual-meet format, which Sweet Briar swims during the regular season, lack of team depth forces swimmers to enter the maximum number of events allowed. This cheats a small team out of points due to entering only two swimmers in a race when larger squads are able to enter three swimmers.

Small squad size should not be an issue in the upcoming season, as Jason has expanded his roster with exciting first-year swimmers and believes that, among other things, the new fitness and athletics center will help maintain his roster size in the future. "Though we will not get a new pool, I think the new facilities will attract more total students, which will help all of our programs."

JENNIFER CRISPEN: HEAD FIELD HOCKEY COACH, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION, SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTOR

Since coming to Sweet Briar in 1977, Jennifer Crispin has been a constant on the field hockey sidelines. A five-time Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) Coach of the Year, she joined the National Field Hockey Coaches Association (NFHCA) 200th Victory Club in 1994. Seven years later, she coached her 500th game, on her way to being inducted into the NFHCA Hall of Fame in 2005.

Her playing experience as a member of the U.S. field hockey team and her passion for coaching led to her chairing the U.S. Coaching Committee, responsible for the first U.S. Coaching Certification Program, and to serving as a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III National Field Hockey Committee and NCAA Collegiate Rules Liaison.

During her 29 years at the College, Jennifer has coached

everything from lacrosse to softball to fencing, focusing solely on field hockey for the last 15 seasons. Among her seemingly endless memories as a Sweet Briar coach, are the 1985, 1992 and 1995 hockey seasons and the 1985 lacrosse season—seasons in which her teams played in the ODAC Championship final, and pulled off some incredible victories to get there!

As a coach, Jennifer focuses on the individual improvement of her student-athletes, positive reinforcement and team commitment: "Our program philosophy emphasizes academic achievement, with a focus on scheduling games and practices that are workable with the athletes' academic schedules."

Despite this, the field hockey team has had difficulties retaining players for all four years of their college career. However, those who stay

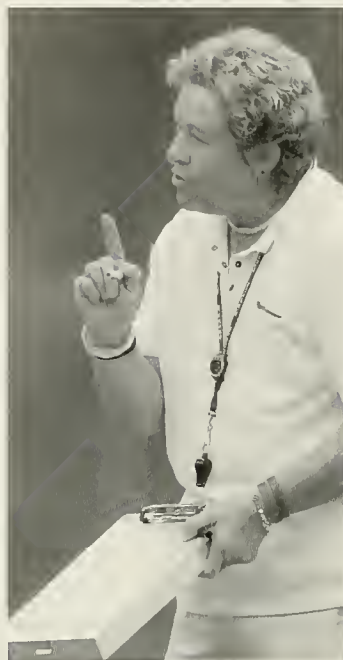
committed grow, as both an athlete and a person, under Jennifer's guidance. "Athletes who choose to attend Sweet Briar are bright and committed, and when we can channel that commitment toward hockey, we see evident results," she says.

Results come on and off the field as Jennifer's student-athletes gain "all the positive experiences and attributes we see in athletics." By participating in college field hockey, she feels her players come away with teamwork skills, leadership skills, a sense of personal achievement, the ability to accept challenges, and the confidence to push their abilities to the limit—skills they can also put to use off the field.

Alumnae support goes a long way in helping keep the student-athletes committed to field hockey. Donations from Friends of Athletics have allowed field hockey to purchase team benches, new warm-ups and goal cages. On the road, alumnae have hosted after-game meals and events for the players and have played a significant role in identifying and recruiting strong student-athletes for Jennifer.

In the immediate future, Jennifer hopes alumnae will play an important role in retention and recruiting by helping to fund the new fitness and athletics center. "The improvement of our athletic facilities is paramount, because it impacts current students as well as recruiting for the future," she says.

Sweet Briar field hockey has made it to the postseason seven of the last eight seasons, exiting in the quarterfinal round of the ODAC tournament in 2005. The last two seasons have seen five Vixens honored with All-Conference honors,



Coach Jennifer Crispin

several with Virginia Sports Information Directors (VaSID) honors, a conference Player of the Year and a national record holder.

Last fall, senior goalie Jenn Wiley (Williamsburg/Jamestown, VA) rewrote the conference career saves record, became the national career saves leader in Division III field hockey with 1042 saves, and was honored as ODAC Player of the Year by the conference coaches.

Off the field, field hockey received National Academic Team honors from the NFHCA in 2003 and 2004 and had six players from the 2004 roster named to the NFHCA National Academic Squad.

KELLY MORRISON: HEAD TENNIS COACH, ATHLETICS DIRECTOR

Over the past 20 years, Kelly Morrison has coached in a variety of college settings, including coaching at the Division I, University of Iowa and the nationally-ranked Division III, Emory University. Always looking for a new challenge, she set her sights on building a nationally-competitive team from the ground up at a women's college.

Kelly first visited Sweet Briar while coaching at Emory University and fell in love with the College. For Kelly, Sweet Briar had the complete package—the ability to offer a first-rate education for women, one of the top college outdoor tennis facilities, and an opportunity to be part of a community holistically committed to its students.

What sets her coaching style apart from her peers is her focus on teamwork and motivation. "One of my main roles as a coach is to be a motivator and get the most out of every situation and keep everyone involved," she says. This can be challenging due to the individual nature of the game. "Although tennis is an individual sport, at Sweet Briar, we focus on the team, not just the individual. It's about developing lifetime friendships, being involved, having fun, and being part of a game you can play for a lifetime."

Kelly received her B.S. from Southwest Missouri State University and her master's degree from the University of Iowa before becoming a coach. As a coach, she is a five-time University Athletic Association (UAA) Conference Coach of the Year and an Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) Coach of the Year finalist while at Emory.

She also has served on several committees, including the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III Women's Tennis National Committee, Chair of the Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) Tennis Committee and ITA Division III Women's Ranking Chair.

As tennis at Sweet Briar approaches its centennial on campus, donations this past year have helped resurface the 11 outdoor courts and construct three new courts behind the Daisy Williams Gymnasium. The campus's 14 courts now make up one of the nicest outdoor college tennis facilities in the country.

But there is still much room for improvement, as Sweet Briar tennis lacks an indoor facility. "Two of the top teams in our area, Washington and Lee and Mary Washington, have indoor tennis facilities. Those facilities give them the competitive edge to be in the top-20 teams in the country," Kelly explains.

A new fitness and athletics center would allow tennis to move indoors when the weather is wet or cold. With a season that stretches 21 weeks over the fall and spring, the ability to practice indoors would positively impact the program.

The fitness and athletics center also would play a hand in bringing serious student-athletes to campus. To be competitive at the next level in one of the toughest tennis regions in the country, the team needs



Coach Kelly Morrison with tennis team members

nationally-ranked junior tennis players. The recent renovations and additions to the outdoor tennis facilities and new fitness and athletics center will help recruit national-caliber tennis players to play at Sweet Briar.

Despite lacking nationally-ranked players, Sweet Briar tennis remains one of the strongest women's college tennis teams in the area, routinely playing well at the Virginia Women's College Championship. In 2005, Sweet Briar finished first in doubles and second in singles with the team winning a total of 18 matches.

MISSY ACKERMAN '87: HEAD LACROSSE COACH, ASSISTANT FIELD HOCKEY COACH



Missy Ackerman

A two-sport All-American at Sweet Briar, Missy Ackerman '87 returned to her alma mater in the fall of 2002 as the head lacrosse coach and field hockey assistant coach. That spring (2003), she led the Vixens to a 5-9 and a 7-8 mark, and Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) Coach of the Year honors the following spring. In just her third season at the helm of Vixen lacrosse, Missy's 2005 team returned to the final four of the ODAC tournament for the first time in recent years and compiled the program's best record since 1986 (10-6).

As a student-athlete, she became the first Sweet Briar player to be named as the ODAC Conference Player of the Year in both field hockey and lacrosse when she received the honors her senior seasons. She graduated from Sweet Briar in 1987 with a degree in history.

Stops at Smith College, Earlham College and Randolph-Macon College helped Missy transition from player to coach before taking over the coaching position at Sweet Briar. And her transition has proved successful as she has collected seven Coach of the Year honors and has led her teams to two ODAC championships and two National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) tournament appearances.

Under her leadership and guidance, Sweet Briar lacrosse has returned to the ranks of contender.

The 2005 campaign saw the program post its first winning season in years, defeating perennial post-season teams Lynchburg College and Roanoke College (Sweet Briar had not defeated Roanoke College in 18 years).

The 2006 season was filled with late-goal losses and close games that did not go Sweet Briar's way, but despite her team missing the post-season, she feels she has built a strong foundation for the future.

"Having a team which wants to compete and be a threat is motivating to me. Certainly beating Lynchburg and Roanoke in 2005 and even losing one-goal games this past season indicate that the lacrosse team is moving

in the right direction," Missy says.

Part of the successful turnaround is the mixture of student-athletes playing under Missy. "We have a mixture of backgrounds of our players," she says. "Some with the confidence of having played on strong teams, with solid athletes and some who revel in the role of the underdog."

This summer, she stepped down from her Sweet Briar coaching positions to focus full-

time on her other job as director of Merestead Sports Camps, which she purchased in 2004. Merestead, the oldest sports camps for girls in the U.S., offers field hockey and lacrosse camps throughout the summer at four different locations, including Sweet Briar. "I leave Sweet Briar knowing there are athletes who, this second, would step on a field and take on any opponent, or add five minutes to the clock to get the go-ahead goal," says Missy.

PAUL SHAW: HEAD SOCCER COACH, LECTURER, PHYSICAL EDUCATION CHAIR

There was a common sentiment Paul Shaw heard from his competitor's coaches this past year. They routinely told him "I have heard great things about Sweet Briar soccer" and "You are a program to watch in the future." In a tough soccer conference, with several nationally-ranked teams, Paul has taken great strides with Sweet Briar soccer. While his improvements have yet to produce a winning season, he has taken the Vixens from a 1-17 mark in 2001, his first year, to a 4-12-1 mark in 2005.

What doesn't appear in the win-loss records is the improvement the program has made to become competitive with the better conference teams. Evidence of this came last fall when Sweet Briar battled Lynchburg College to a two-goal loss. The Lynchburg College Hornets went on to capture the conference championship and advance in the national tournament.

During his four seasons, Paul has strived to fill his roster with strong, committed soccer players and to help them become great players. "I believe in creating an environment that empowers players to develop," says Paul, who has 25 years of coaching experience at the youth, senior amateur and professional levels.

He holds an A licensure from the U.S. Soccer Federation and is a graduate of the Canadian National Coaching Institute. Currently, he is also the head coach of the Virginia Youth State Soccer Association Olympic Development Program's (ODP) girls' team (ages 17 and under).

As his first recruitment class approaches graduation, Paul feels he has built a team of players who put the team and academics first. "The players take pride in putting on the uniform and respect what it means to be a student-athlete."

This commitment to team and academics are two strengths Paul hopes to continue through recruiting team- and academic-minded athletes. Recruiting such players grows easier as the team improves.

As Sweet Briar soccer has progressed during Paul's tenure, so have the number and caliber of recruits coming to campus. "We are getting



Coach Paul Shaw

better soccer players and athletes every day,” says Paul. This preseason, 24 student-athletes came back to campus to play soccer, an improvement over 16 in 2005.

Three Sweet Briar soccer players were honored in 2005 with All-Conference honors and two Vixens, midfielder Whitney Shaffer '08 and goalie Kristen Johnson '09 led the conference in assists (9) and saves (175), respectively.

The next step for the program is the expansion of alumnae relations and the completion of the new fitness and athletics center. Donations made by alumnae help the soccer team purchase items not allocated in its budget, like new spectator bleachers along the sidelines to bring the crowd closer to the players. Having alumnae at games and participating in alumnae games at Homecoming greatly impacts the students' sport experience.

As for the new fitness and athletics center, its construction will give soccer, and all varsity teams, an appropriate facility for conditioning, and aid in team bonding because the additional space will allow for team workouts.

The new facility will also aid Paul in recruiting and retaining quality student athletes and help level the playing field with other teams. When the SBC team uses its opponents' locker rooms and training rooms, the current disparity among facilities becomes all the more apparent to our athletes. **“When we compare our college to other schools, we need to feel that we are competitive. One of the worst feelings an athlete can have is that she or he is not valued,”** says Paul about the new building.



Coach Tony Campbell

TONY CAMPBELL: HEAD SOFTBALL COACH

In a span of three seasons, Tony Campbell has taken Sweet Briar softball from the club level to the varsity level. This past spring he moved the team one step closer to playing in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC).

With raising SBC softball to varsity and ultimately ODAC status, came the need for a softball facility on campus. After playing the 2005 season at the Amherst County High School field, Tony and Assistant Coach Mike Jennings worked diligently to ensure the 2006 softball season would be played on campus.

On March 22, 2006 friends, parents, faculty, staff and administrators filled the stands as President Betsy Muhlenfeld and Dean Jonathan Green threw out ceremonial first pitches, culminating countless hours of work by Tony, Mike and others to get the field completed.

Despite the stresses of starting a program and building a field from the ground up, Tony has remained his fun-loving self and his demeanor has been contagious. “We smile a lot as a team, but we also work hard. My

goal as a coach is to teach a team to be fundamentally sound,” Tony says.

Tony honed his own softball skills as a player by playing over 15 years of Class A and B softball. In 1985, his team was one of 16 at the Class A World Series in Omaha, NE. His move to the dugout began in Amherst's Dixie Youth league and travel ball with the Class Action Scrappers out of Roanoke, VA, where Tony coached for 13 years. He also served six seasons as the assistant coach for the Amherst County High School softball team before coming to the college realm.

Bringing Sweet Briar up to the varsity and ODAC level has brought Tony challenges and opportunities. Filling the initial roster was hard because of a limited number of students on campus with playing experience and because he was recruiting against schools with proven softball track records. However, because softball was so new on Sweet Briar's campus, Tony could offer his players the chance to be part of the College's first team, and with small rosters, the chance to see a lot of playing time.

“We are building something unique and exciting,” Tony says. He filled a roster of 12 this past spring in Sweet Briar's second full varsity season. “I need athletes who are strong and want to take our program to the top.”

The completion of dugouts and a scoreboard at the softball field, and the construction of a new fitness and athletics center will only help to attract more strong softball student-athletes to campus. **“When a recruit sees that the school is stepping up to further athletics and help the well-being of non-athletes, it will be a drawing card for the school to increase enrollment and recruit the better athlete,”** Tony says.

The near future for Tony and Sweet Briar softball looks bright. With the leadership of key players from this past spring and the recruits coming for 2007, Vixen softball is well on its way to being a strong contender in the ODAC.

In Tony's first ODAC season, he saw his team pick up its first conference win and finish with a 3–17 conference record. He also watched as the program's first home run was hit and the first no-hitter was pitched.

While Tony has had some great moments as a Sweet Briar coach—being asked to start the softball program, the opening ceremonies this past spring, his team's first ODAC win—Tony's greatest coaching moment remains when he hears “thank you” from one of his athletes for teaching her the game of softball.



Riding at Sweet Briar

SHELBY FRENCH, DIRECTOR OF RIDING

The Sweet Briar College Riding Program has had a truly exciting and successful year. Sweet Briar's Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) team was the Champion of Region 1, and the Reserve Champion of Zone IV. The IHSA team made the most of its historic first trip to the Championship earning 18 points for third place in the overall Hunter Seat Team standings—just five points behind this year's national champions from Mount Holyoke College.

Senior Jodie Weber capped off an achievement-filled riding career at Sweet Briar with several individual successes in the national finals, including a fourth place finish in the Cacchione Cup. Riders with the highest point totals accumulated over the season from each of the IHSA's 30 regions compete for the cup. Veteran Jodie Weber '06, also served as captain for the Affiliated National Riding Commission (ANRC) team, which included five riders new to this event. Chrissy Serio '06 finished in fifth place overall. Jodie Weber, Alison Sims '09 and Lauren Guyer '09 finished in the top 15 individually and the team ended the competition in fourth place.

The Riding Program courses serve approximately 150 students each term. While this number has been fairly constant for the past two years, the real growth in the program has been the number of students wanting to bring their horse to college with them. In 2004–2005, 28 privately-owned horses were boarded in Sweet Briar stables. The number of horses being boarded in 2006–2007 jumped significantly to more than 40.

Growth in the riding program clearly places greater demands on our current facilities. Luckily, Sweet Briar is able to respond to those demands due to the generosity of parents, friends and alumnae supporters of this program. During the summer, nine additional stalls were added, as well as a second tack room and a shavings storage area to the new Hunter Barn complex. This addition allowed us to make the entire Main Stable complex available for student owned horses and Sweet Briar team horses.

Additionally, this summer a new roof was put over our round pen, so that we have another all-weather lunging and teaching area. This will be particularly helpful during the winter months when the indoor arena is full of lessons. The round pen will now be available for private horse owners to lunge their horses and for teaching assistants to work with their Pre-Position students.

Donations to the Riding Program are making it possible for us to replace the doors on the main stable complex and renovate the Hay Barn, as well as to finish fencing our final pasture in the stable complex area. We also purchased a new 4500 series Chevrolet "hauler" and a six-horse head-to-head Hawk horse trailer to pull behind it. The Riding Program staff and students want to thank the very generous donors who have made all of these dreams a reality. You



Elizabeth Gold '08; Director of Riding Shelby French

are helping us maintain the quality and reputation of this outstanding program.

While the Riding Program is important to the life of many Sweet Briar students, and was a major factor in their choice to enroll, the riding program faculty and staff believe that the addition of a fitness and athletics center to the College is essential to our continued ability to attract and keep student riders at the College. Sweet Briar is known for the quality of its programs. **Our current gymnasium is incongruent with our message of excellence.** Prospective students, particularly riders, are so entranced by the beauty of the campus and the amenities that it offers that they can look past the lack of a quality gymnasium. However, once they are on-campus full-time students, this lack of an appropriate facility really has an impact on the quality of their lives.

To quote Elizabeth Gold '08, Daisy Award winner for volunteer of the year:

"While Sweet Briar offers its students many comfortable and impressive amenities enabling them to excel academically, we are in great need of a gym and fitness center that exhibits these same high standards and opportunities allowing us to excel physically and emotionally. A gym should consist of fitness-related areas, such as the cardio and weight rooms, but also should address the atmosphere of camaraderie that is present in the practice and observance of sports games. Unfortunately, our current facility is lacking in the latter

Also, the gym is located far from any convenient source of food and drink. Perhaps implementing a smaller-scale version of the Café would solve this problem and would be popular with students who have the majority of their classes in Guion or Babcock. And I believe the gym should afford students a comfortable area to relax after work or practice. A large room with comfortable seating arrangements and a large-screen television could satisfy this need, as well as provide an adequate space for hosting game parties and other festivities.

Ultimately, improving and expanding the current facility would support the goal of encouraging Sweet Briar women to engage in healthy physical and emotional lifestyles, which is the basis for success in life."

spotlight

Anne Green Gilbert '69 Brain-Compatible Dance Education

Anne Green Gilbert has made a name for herself in the dance education community. A tireless advocate for dance education, she not only has taught dance for over 30 years, she also has written three books about the topic, opened her own dance school entitled Creative Dance Center, and developed her own unique dance education style: Brain-Compatible Dance.

Anne's extensive education career began in 1970 as a 3rd-grade teacher. Her philosophy was that movement is the key to learning, which she admits, oddly enough, was learned when she herself was a 3rd-grader. She states, "My kinesthetic intelligence flourished in a classroom—where movement was central to my teacher's curriculum. I remember a sort of paradise where everyone liked school that year, we all got along, and the knowledge imparted is still in my memory bank 40 years later." Over the years, she gained knowledge and experience as a modern dance teacher at the University of Illinois at Chicago Circle and as an instructor at the University of Washington, where she couldn't find the appropriate textbook for a class so she simply wrote her own. Her book entitled *Teaching the Three Rs through Movement*, explored strategies for integrating movement into the classroom. It is now recognized as a landmark text, released by the National Dance Education Organization in 2002, 25 years after it was first published. Additionally, she has published *Creative Dance for all Ages* and *Brain-Compatible Dance Education* as well as two videos: *Teaching Creative Dance* and *BrainDance*.

In 1981, Anne founded the Creative Dance Center (CDC). There, students of all ages from infancy to adulthood learn about Brain-Compatible Dance, a unique dance style which stimulates neurological and cognitive development while the artistic and aesthetic elements of dance are being

learned. Each dance class begins with the BrainDance, a warm-up composed of eight fundamental movement patterns. These include breath, tactile stimulation, core-distal movement, head-tail movement, upper-lower body movement, body-side movement, cross-lateral movement, and vestibular stimulation. Research has shown that these patterns are crucial to the wiring of our central nervous system. The benefits for children and adults cycling through these patterns each week include reorganization of the neurological system for better focus, concentration and eye-tracking, increased blood and oxygen flow to the respiratory system and brain, and enhanced body strength and alignment. Anne also is the director of Kaleidoscope, a modern dance company of children eight–14 that performs throughout Washington State and tours internationally.

Anne received her degree in English with a theatre minor from Sweet Briar in 1969. When reflecting on her time at Sweet Briar she states, "My Sweet Briar experience helped develop my lifelong passion as an educator and dancer. Although I transferred my sophomore year to the University of Wisconsin to expand my dance horizons, I returned to Sweet Briar as a junior because I missed the unique experiences that a small liberal arts women's school offers. At SBC, even as an English major, I had the opportunity to choreograph dances, produce dance concerts, teach dance classes to my peers and work with children in an outreach program. As president of the Dance Club, I developed organizational and leadership skills. Nothing can compare to the breadth of a Sweet Briar education or to the opportunities available to any woman who wishes to take advantage of the possibilities. Besides dancing and acting in plays, my favorite memories include swimming in the lake, rolling down the dells, lengthy discussions in the dorms with friends, falling asleep on the velvet couches in the library with my head buried in Chaucer, reading Greek and

Latin texts, talking to very erudite and fascinating professors in class and at Friday Chautauqua's, dissecting frogs, visiting Daisy's grave, and flying around campus in my senior robe." Anne clearly took advantage of every possibility and created numerous opportunities for herself. Her advice to current SBC students: "*Carpe Diem*."

Anne earned her Master's degree from National-Louis University. Currently, she is an adjunct faculty member at Seattle Pacific University and Seattle University where she teaches courses on creative dance and using movement in the classroom and is an adjudicator for cultural enrichment and the Artist-in-Residence program for the Washington State Arts Commission and for arts education grants for the Seattle Arts Commission. She is a movement consultant for Kindermusik International and an active member of the National Dance Association, National Dance Education Organization, and Dance and the Child International. She is founder and past president of Dance Educators Association of Washington, an organization promoting quality dance education in all Washington State schools K–12 and has served on the board of the Washington Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance and American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance-NW District. She is also the recipient of the prestigious American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Honor Award and the 2005 NDA Scholar/Artist Award.

To learn more about Anne, check out the May 2006 issue of *Dance Teacher* or visit her Creative Dance Center Web site at <http://www.creativedance.org>.



Anne Green Gilbert '69

Larkin Barnett '76**Functional Fitness: The Ultimate Fitness Program for Life on the Run**

One of Larkin Barnett's greatest influences, while at Sweet Briar was Eija Celli, Associate Professor of Dance Emerita. Reminiscing about her days at Sweet Briar, Larkin exclaims, "Eija was in large part responsible for my interest in dance. Her enthusiasm for dance was contagious and her vast knowledge provided the necessary foundation for my future movement education experiences in multiple environments." Recently, Larkin published her first book, *Functional Fitness: The Ultimate Fitness Program for Life on the Run* and it is clear that Eija also has a deep appreciation for Larkin's talents. On reviewing Larkin's book, she states, "*Functional Fitness* is going to bring about a revolution. The quest for a strong and freely moving body is a long and challenging journey. Larkin has given us a clearly written guide on how to reach the destination. Her scientific breakdown of movement initiation and follow-through from the center of the body is ingenious."

This book is taking the country by storm. Within a month of publication, *Functional Fitness* was officially adopted as the textbook for several universities' curriculum including the three campuses of Florida Atlantic University and recognized by many college libraries as the breakthrough guide to teaching the essential principles of movement. Larkin explains that the entire *Functional Fitness* program is "a blend of scientific fitness training and artistic dance expression using anatomy-based visual imagery. It is the result of choreography, teaching methods designed to meet specific populations and a personal desire to help others avoid the premature loss of a loved one. *Functional Fitness* jump-starts a person's fitness program and leads to more challenging movements and the mini workouts, which can be integrated into gym

workouts or sports, help people manage daily stress." Larkin has not limited herself to print material, she also has developed an audio CD companion to her book with music by Steven Halpern, the leading musician of relaxation and wellness CDs. She also has not limited herself to adults, creating *On a Lark: Creative Movement for Children* a user-friendly book for parents, teachers, day-care workers and therapists to help sedentary children become more active.

Ironically, Larkin's career in dance and movement education began as a random choice during her freshman year of college. She simply decided to take dance instead of canoeing to fulfill a physical education requirement so she didn't have to get cold. While her career may have begun by chance she does credit many of her family members for her continued interest in preventative health practices. One of her grandfathers was a pediatrician who discovered the cause of tick paralysis and the other grandfather was one of the first colon surgeons in the United States. She also had a grandmother who was a nurse, her father was a pediatrician specializing in the care of premature infants and her brother is a dermatologist.

Larkin also believes that many of the skills she used to write her book were taught to her by the late Ralph Aiken, her English professor, who encouraged her to work hard to become a better writer. She remembers, "My papers were returned full of red ink. Nevertheless he pointed out that my ideas were good. Unfortunately he had to go on a 'treasure hunt to uncover the gems.'" She still has the card Professor Aiken gave to her after her senior thesis

dance concert, which read, "You danced like a goddess—a well-organized, well-trained, hardworking one—with beautiful results—thanks for inviting me."

Larkin's impact on movement education is not limited to her most recent book. After graduating from

Whatever it is that you are passionate about, go headlong into it. I believe the doors for a person to walk through—open easily—ignore the rest—they waste precious time."

—LARKIN BARNETT '76

SBC with a B.A. in Dance and Drama she went on to earn a M.A. in Dance from Mills College in California, which she admits she had the confidence to pursue because of her experience studying abroad at the University of Lappenranta. She has had varied and extensive experience over the last 30 years teaching, lecturing, choreographing and performing for several organizations including Harvard University, Radcliffe College, Longy School of Music, The Laban Bartenieff Institute, The University of Lappenranta, Mills College, and the Johnson and Johnson Corporation. In addition she has been a movement therapist and fitness professional at Canyon Ranch Spa. She is a professor at Florida Atlantic University in the Exercise Science and Health Promotions Department. She also holds a Pilates certification from International Polestar Education and is certified through All American, including Pilates for golf and is the Director of Pilates at Old Palm Golf Club—a live-in community developed by pro golfer Ray Floyd.

Larkin's advice for current SBC students: "You are lucky to be a part of an educational experience like Sweet Briar. Whatever it is that you are passionate about, go headlong into it. I believe the doors for a person to walk through—open easily—ignore the rest—they waste precious time. You may be fortunate to have a professor like Eija Celli or Ralph Aiken who could very well be setting you on a path to a rewarding future." Larkin encourages anyone who wants to learn more about her philosophy and how to incorporate fitness into even the busiest schedule to check out her Web site at: <http://larkinetics.com/products.html>.



Larkin Barnett '76

D'Andra Simmons '91 Living the Ultimate Life

D'Andra Simmons came to Sweet Briar in 1987 as a painfully shy 18-year-old girl too afraid to raise her hand during class to ask a question. She left confident, energetic, determined and ready to change the world—and changed the world she has. Her accomplishments range from co-authoring a book to writing, directing and producing a video as well as appearing on several network television shows including “Living the Life” on CBN, “Healthy Living” on DirecTV and Home Shopping Network all while successfully running a business and developing a product line.

Many factors influenced D'Andra's transformation from introverted frosh to extroverted graduate including several of her experiences at Sweet Briar. Some of her most meaningful experiences include the traveling she was able to do as a student. During J-term, D'Andra studied with Dr. Reuben Miller in India, South America, and Eastern and Western Europe. She also was able to study in Paris during her junior year. She states, “I was extremely prepared for my year away because of the excellent language classes at SBC and the emphasis on immersing oneself in another culture.” D'Andra also was touched by the influences of best friends and inspired by the passions of professors including Dr. John Goulde and Dr. Kenneth Grimm, who helped her struggle through her major—International Affairs.

In addition to being inspired at Sweet Briar, D'andra was inspired by her mother and many close family members. As D'Andra was preparing for her first year at Sweet Briar, her mother was diagnosed with breast cancer and underwent a modified radical mastectomy and reconstruction surgery. After the surgery, her mother chose to fight the cancer, not through chemotherapy and radiation, but through holistic nutrition, herbology and alternative therapies. She now has been cancer free for 19 years. This scare, as well as the death of her maternal grandmother from pancreatic cancer, her maternal grandfather from prostate cancer and her



D'Andra Simmons '91

Always have the courage to stand up for what you believe in—personally or professionally.”

—D'ANDRA SIMMONS '91

maternal great-grandmother from breast cancer, caused her to decide that her “mission, vision and passion would be to help women and men live healthy lives and fight the many diseases that are plaguing our society today.”

Continually striving to learn more about healthy living, D'Andra is working on her MS and Ph.D. in Naturopathy and Holistic Nutrition from Clayton College. Currently, she is Vice President of Marketing and Product Development for Ultimate Living International, Inc. and Dee Simmons Skin Care. The mission of the company is, “To provide the highest quality nutritional supplements and skin care products available on the market today, as well as to provide the most current information on health and wellness issues to the consumer.” Recently, D'Andra co-authored a book with her mother, Dee Simmons, entitled *Natural Guide for Healthy Living*.

The book stresses the importance of starting the battle early against degenerative disease and aging. It discusses the significance of being proactive in taking

charge of your health. Topics covered include vitamins and foods that will build your immune system and give you a head start in preventing disease and illness, as well as the correct way to exercise, reduce weight and increase lean muscle mass. D'Andra announces that her next book with her mother will be focused on anti-aging. They also will be hosting a seven day Caribbean cruise in February 2007 on the Holland America Cruise Line, Westerdam ship which will include a 90 minute presentation each day on topics that are important to women and everyone who desires to live a healthy life, including nutrition, healthy-meal planning, disease prevention and alternative remedies for disease, natural skin care, anti-aging and staying fit at any age.

When asked what advice she had for current SBC students she stated, “Always have the courage to stand up for what you believe in—personally or professionally. Choose to do at least one thing in your life that will make a positive difference in another person's life. You are here to serve others as well as yourself.” D'Andra has made a difference in many people's lives through her role as Vice President of Ultimate Living. She also has influenced others through the informational/ industrial video she wrote, directed and produced entitled *Why Yucca Mountain?*, a movie about the proposed Yucca Mountain Repository in Nevada. She has also directed a documentary entitled, *Remembrance Rising* an educational/environmental piece based on the Lakota Sioux Indian Tribe, and a short film, *Blood Moon*.

Clearly D'Andra's career keeps her very busy; however, she also enjoys spending time with her family and friends, tasting and studying wine, cooking, reading and volunteering. She reads voraciously and plans to write a novel in the future, as well as to continue directing documentaries.

Sweet Briar's 97th Commencement: MAY 13, 2006



Graduates gather for Commencement
Photo by Aaron Mohler

As the Class of 2006 graduated, a 100-year-mark was set: Sweet Briar's first students began their SBC careers, arriving on campus in 1906.

IN HER CHARGE TO THE CLASS OF 2006,
PRESIDENT MUHLENFELD NOTED:

"We have come to the end of our ceremony, and of your Sweet Briar years. This has been a festive week, a joyous time. But it is also a moment that bears real weight—a rite of passage marking a time of countless choices. All spring you have grappled with decisions, many of which have not yet come into focus: there is the matter of where you will live, and how you will be able to afford to eat regularly, whether to pursue further study or to accept a job, and if so, which job; how to balance your short-term needs and fears with long-term aspirations.

"Exactly how your future unfolds depends on decisions you must make now that speak not to career or locale but to your character. As a Sweet Briar woman, you have lived by an honor code. As you leave, you must decide how to translate our Honor Code into an honorable life, lived with the highest integrity. Decide now that under no circumstances will you deviate from what is honorable, honest and trustworthy, that you will do what is right even when it costs you dearly. Too few people in the world are willing to do that.

"You have pursued knowledge, learned to distinguish truth from attractive falsehoods. Faculty and staff, and your circle of friends, have insisted on forcing you to get to the bottom of things, to keep digging until you get the answer, to look clear-eyed at complicated issues. As you leave this beautiful campus, decide that a hallmark of your life will be to honor learning in all its forms; that when confronted with demagoguery, no matter how attractive or seductive, you will insist on truth; when confronted with mixed messages, you will insist on understanding; when confronted with easy oversimplifications, you will insist

on acknowledging complexity. Decide that, before you leap to conclusions, you will do your homework, and find out the truth of the matter.

"Above all, you have learned that Sweet Briar's truest legacy for you lies in the relationships you have formed. The wellspring of self-knowledge will always be what you learn from others: from those with whom you share values, and from those whose backgrounds and experiences and religions and political leanings and opinions are different from yours. When you leave Sweet Briar to move into a world where it is less easy and sometimes less safe to form such lasting relationships, decide that you will seek them out. The more you understand others, the more fulfilled your own life will be.

"You have striven for excellence in and out of the classroom, and on the athletic field. You have learned to distinguish true achievement from just "getting by." Decide now that that same quest for excellence will mark your life. There are countless ways to live a life. It is astonishingly easy to move from hour to hour, day to day, year to year, all the while *wildly* busy—but not making much impact on those around you—let alone, the wider world. Decide to live your life intentionally, finding ways to use your talents to make a positive difference in your profession, your community, your family.

"Finally, at Sweet Briar, you have defined yourselves by your traditions, but you also have learned that traditions are born and die; they are not immutable. Decide now that you will always honor and value the past, but neither worship it nor repeat it. Decide these things, and you will both honor your foundations and enrich the lives of those who come after you.

"You belong to the future, and you will have a significant hand in creating that future. Our expectations for you are very high."



Judith Martin, the syndicated columnist "Miss Manners," delivered the Commencement address, "The New Lady."

All photos © David Abrams except as noted

May 13th, one hundred and forty-two graduates from 28 states, Morocco, Botswana, Jamaica and British Columbia received degrees (99 A.B., 29 B.S., 8 MAT, 6 M.Ed.).

COMMENCEMENT HONORS

The Emilie Watts McVea Scholar

The highest-ranking member of the Class of 2006.

Stacy Kay Toup, Martinsburg, WV

The Presidential Medalist

The Presidential Medal recognizes seniors who have a range of accomplishments comparable to those associated with candidates for Rhodes, Marshall, or Truman Scholarships. Awardees must have demonstrated exemplary intellectual achievement.

Joanna Katherine Wood, Hopkinton, MA

The Penelope Lane Czarra Award

This award honors the senior who best combines scholastic achievement, student leadership, and effective contributions to the quality of life at the College.

*Katherine Dobie, Lake Oswego, OR
Renee Bernadette Modzelewski, Virginia Beach, VA*

The Connie M. Guion Award

This is given to a senior for her excellence as a human being and as a member of the College.

Guinevere Marie Reyes, Plano, TX

The Walker Family Award

This award honors a senior with high scholastic standing who has a cheerful, positive disposition and shows warmth, generosity, and humility.

Leigh Catherine Darrell, Chestertown, MD

The Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award

Established in 1925 by the New York Southern Society and perpetuated by the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Foundation in memory of Algernon Sydney Sullivan.

this award recognizes one who pays careful attention to everyday life, striving always to be kind and helpful to others. It is given this year for the first time by Sweet Briar College.

Michelle Leigh Badger, Plymouth, MA

ALUMNAE RELATIVES



Sister Meg Frier Stawasz '01;
Jill Frier



Olivia Ungerer; sister Mary
Ungerer '09



Grandmother Martha Mansfield Clement '48; Aunt Sarah
Clement '75; Mother Ellen Clement Mouri '80; Sarah Mouri

The Judith Molinar Elkins Prize

The family of the late Professor Judith Elkins established a prize to recognize the outstanding achievements of a senior majoring in the mathematical, physical, or biological sciences, actively participating in the College community, and demonstrating the ideals and dedication to learning exemplified by the life of Professor Elkins.
Cara C. Cherry, Chesapeake, VA

The Lawrence G. Nelson Award for Excellence in English

Colleen Elizabeth Karaffa, Staunton, VA

The Leigh Woolverton Prize for Excellence in the Visual Arts

Ivey Michelle Tabor, Chesapeake, VA

The James Lewis Howe Award in Chemistry

Kimberly Anne Wilson, Austinburg, OH

The Pauline Roberts Otis Award in French

Courtney Patricia Matthews, Mahomet, IL

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Outstanding Scholar Education Award

Lindsey Greene Wydner, Amherst, VA

Alpha Lambda Delta Award

Karliana Brooks Sakas, Springfield, VA

The W. H. Overly Award in Spanish

Karliana Brooks Sakas, Springfield, VA

The Juliet Halliburton Davis Environmental Studies Award

Caren Joanna Meade, King George, VA

The Juliet Halliburton Davis Environmental Science Award

Kathleen Marie Wilson, Austinburg, OH

The Lucile Barrow Turner Award

Isobel Alice Moody, Alexandria, VA

The German Embassy Book Prize

Award for an excellent academic record and significant contributions to the German program at Sweet Briar.
Karliana Brooks Sakas, Springfield, VA

The Goethe-Institut Buchpreis

Award to the outstanding student majoring in German or German Studies.

Jessica SuseAnne Hershman, Leesburg, VA

The Mathematical Sciences Award

Jessica Ellen Mercier, Herndon, VA

The Anne Gary Pannell Taylor Award in History

Sarah Ann Hart, Raleigh, NC

The Anne Gary Pannell Graduate Fellowship in History

Karliana Brooks Sakas, Springfield, VA



Associate Professor of Classical Studies Eric Casey, Recipient of the 2006 Excellence in Teaching Award from the Academic Affairs Committee



Associate Professor/Bibliographic Instructor and Reference Librarian Joe Malloy received the Shirley P. Reid Excellence in Service Award from the Student Government Association



Kathleen '06 and Kimberly '06 Wilson



Aunt Wendy Weiler '71; Victoria Chappell; Cousin Caroline Chappell '09



Caren Joanna Meade; Sister Cara Meade '01



Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) Graduates

Front Row, l-r: Brandy Hall-Matson; Amy Bebo; McCarty; Danielle Burtan; Savannah Oxner

Back Row, l-r: Lindsey Greene Wydner; Laura Brockman; Ginger Tripp; Samuel V. Wilkins



Turning Point Graduates, l-r: Marge Stiemly; LaVerne Paige; Melanie Campbell; Kerry Buxton



M.ED. Graduates, l-r: Jason Clark; Stacey Hester; Rhonda Stinnett; Adrienne Arnold; Marge Hamilton; Donald Healy

The George H. Lenz Excellence in Physics Award

Jeanette Ariel Kotonias, Lexington, MA

The Kathryn Haw Prize in Art History

Sarah Ann Hart, Raleigh, NC

Tye River Elementary "Big Sister" Award

Stephanie Scherer, Natural Bridge, VA

Tamra Kate Scott, Mayville, NY

Amy Lee Walker, Culpeper, VA

American Association of University Women

Lindsey Grace Wydner, Amherst, VA

Melanie Hope Eanes Campbell, Amherst, VA

The Marcia Capron Award for Excellence in French

Shanthi Sangeetha Ramesh, Richland, MI

L'Alliance Francaise de Lynchburg

Victoria Alexandra Chappell, Palm Beach, FL

The Jessica Steinbrenner Molloy Award in Theater Arts

Michele Ann Clute, Surprise AZ

The Helen K. Mull Graduate Fellowship in Psychology

Laura Elizabeth Pierce, Raleigh, NC

ALUMNAE RELATIVES



Photo by Richard Mahler

Sneha Sharma with sisters Chhavi '00 and Shweta Sharma '01



Mother Helena Papis Rangel '65; Jane Rangel; Sister Victoria Rangel '04; Sister Christine Rangel '01

PHI BETA KAPPA 2006

Bonnie Caroline Baxley, Lugoff, SC
 Cara C. Cherry, Chesapeake, VA
 Kelly Dawn Crist, Callaway, VA
 Suzanne Marie Harvey, Lexington, NC
 Colleen Elizabeth Karaffa, Staunton, VA
 Jeanette Ariel Kotonias, Lexington, MA
 Charis Nicole Lease-Trevathan,
 Warrenton, VA

Margaret Elizabeth Loebe, Atlanta, GA
 Sarah Kate Martinez, Santa Barbara, CA
 Courtney Patricia Matthews, Mahomet, IL
 Jessica Ellen Mercier, Herndon, VA
 Lea Beatrice Pyne, Washington, VA
 Shanthi Sangeetha Ramesh, Richland, MI
 Karlana Brooks Sakas, Springfield, VA
 Kimberly Anne Wilson, Austinburg, OH
 Joanna Katherine Wood, Hopkinton, MA

CUM LAUDE

Joelle Marie Andrews, Greensboro, NC
 Jenna Lynn Armitage, Glenwood, MD
 Anel Avila, Phoenix, AZ
 Bonnie Caroline Baxley, Lugoff, SC
 Katherine Elizabeth Feiss, Helena, MT
 Angelica Helene Guarino, Front Royal, VA
 Jennifer Rae Jones, Edmond, OK
 Julia Marie Lockwood, Spartanburg, SC
 Allison Elizabeth Martell, Chapel Hill, NC
 Maureen Kay McGuire, Lansing, MI
 Caren Joanna Meade, King George, VA
 Lisa Marie Mollica, Lexington, VA
 Sara Ashley Ostrow, Raleigh, NC
 Jane Caroline Rangel, Riverside, CA
 Hollylane Riley, Gastonia, NC

Kathryn Ann Robertson, Venice, FL
 Caville Stacey-Ann Stanbury,
 Kingston, Jamaica
 Marguerite Massie Stiemly, Lowesville, VA
 Anne-Marie Walsh, Arlington, VA
 Kimberly Anne Wilson, Austinburg, OH
 Lisa Jean Wolff, Stillwater, MN

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Kerry Lee Mason Buxton, Gladstone, VA
 Cara C. Cherry, Chesapeake, VA
 Miriam Soon Choi, Oxnard, CA
 Kelly Dawn Crist, Callaway, VA
 Katharine Hatton Dobie, Lake Oswego, OR
 Suzanne Marie Harvey, Lexington, NC
 Colleen Elizabeth Karaffa, Staunton, VA
 Jeanette Ariel Kotonias, Lexington, MA
 Charis Nicole Lease-Trevathan,
 Warrenton, VA

Margaret Elizabeth Loebe, Atlanta, GA
 Sarah Kate Martinez, Santa Barbara, CA
 Courtney Patricia Matthews, Mahomet, IL
 Isobel Alice Moody, Alexandria, VA
 Laura Elizabeth Pierce, Raleigh, NC
 Lea Beatrice Pyne, Washington, VA
 Shanthi Sangeetha Ramesh, Richland, MI
 Cole Baldwin Shanholtz,
 St. Simons Island, GA
 Sneha Sharma, Lobatse, Botswana
 Margaret Frances Shortlidge,
 West Grove, PA
 Julia Jane Stanley, Vancouver,
 British Columbia
 Olivia Davidson Ungerer, Lakewood, NY
 Joanna Katherine Wood, Hopkinton, MA

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Melanie Hope Eanes Campbell, Amherst, VA
 Jessica Ellen Mercier, Herndon, VA
 Karlana Brooks Sakas, Springfield, VA
 Stacy Kay Toup, Martinsburg, WV

**THE HONORS PROGRAM,
CLASS OF 2006**

**High Honors in
Biochemistry/Molecular Biology**
 Kimberly Anne Wilson, Austinburg, OH

**High Honors in
Environmental Science**
 Anel Avila, Phoenix, AZ

**High Honors in
Environmental Science**
 Kathleen Marie Wilson, Williamsburg, VA

**Honors Degree with High Honors in
Interdisciplinary Studies**
 Bonnie Caroline Baxley, Lugoff, SC

**Honors Degree with
Honors in History**
 Margaret Elizabeth Loebe, Atlanta, GA

**Honors Degree with
Honors in Philosophy**
 Joanna Katherine Wood, Hopkinton, MA



The Page Family! Front row, far left, Barbara Rose Page TP '83;
 4th from left: Margaret Page. 2nd row, 3rd from left: LaVerne Paige '04



Anne Wise; Mother Anne Corrington
 Brown Wise '76

reunion

All photos © David Abrams

(RIGHT)
Martha with family members,
l-r: Dr. Richard Brown; Anne Clement '78;
Ellen Clement Mauri '80; David Clement;
Sarah Clement '75; Sarah Mauri '06

(BELOW)
Linda Mae Visocan Gabriel '87, First Vice
President, Alumnae Association, presents
flowers on behalf of Class of 1948



2006 Outstanding Alumna Award to Martha Mansfield Clement '48

INTRODUCTION BY LINDA MAE VISOCAN GABRIEL '87, FIRST VICE PRESIDENT, ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION
BY ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT LINDA THYRTT '88

It is my great pleasure and privilege, as President of the Alumnae Association, to introduce Martha Mansfield Clement of the Class of 1948, recipient of the 2006 Outstanding Alumna Award. This award, one of the highest that Sweet Briar College can bestow, was founded in 1968 to recognize alumnae who have given outstanding service to the College in a volunteer capacity.

We are delighted that Sarah '75, Anne '78, Ellen '80 and David Clement could be here to help celebrate Martha! There is also a brand new alumna, granddaughter Sarah Mouri, Class of '06. There are friends and classmates here as well. Will you please stand?

"Outstanding" indeed—from her student days onward. A sociology major at Sweet Briar from Munfordville, Kentucky, Martha was an active member of the Glee Club, Choir, German Club, Boxwood Inn Committee, and the Committee on Lectures and Concerts. Secretary-Treasurer of the Sociology Club, she also was the Photographic Editor of the 1947 *Briar Patch*.

Martha has been a preeminent alumna since Graduation Day 1948—and we know that she will not stop now. Her verve, vitality and "Never Say It Can't Be Done!" attitude won't allow it. A firm believer in education, she took graduate courses for teacher certification at George Mason University, UVA, and James Madison University. While living in the Washington, D.C. area, she was a teacher in area public and private schools for 13 years. Active in the D.C. Alumnae Club, she also served as National Bulb Co-Chair in the early years of the Bulb project and two terms on the Executive Board of the Sweet Briar Alumnae Association as National Chair of Alumnae/Admissions Representatives. In addition, she was a member of the National Council of the Teachers of English and a member of the Fairfax Education Association Advisory Board.

Martha returned to the College as a member of the Development Office staff in 1978 and was named Director of Development in 1986, a position she held until 1989. During those years her

accomplishments included completing the very successful Generations Campaign; beginning the Reunion Giving Program, now recognized as one of the nation's best; and reaching, the \$1 million mark in the Annual Fund. The leadership she provided these programs was critical; the College is indebted to her. She also was a member of the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE).

While here, she was President of the Amherst Alumnae Club; a member of the Vestry and a Lay Eucharistic Reader for her church (Ascension Episcopal Church); delegate to the Episcopal Diocesan Council of Southwest Virginia; member of the Amherst County Parks and Recreation Board and the Amherst Humane Society.

In May 1989, Martha left SBC to join Mark Whittaker, Vice President for College Relations (former SBC Vice President of Development), at Stetson University in Florida in a consultative position. During her time there, she served both on the DeLand campus and as Acting Director of Alumni and Development on the campus at Stetson's College of Law in St. Petersburg.

Recipients of the Outstanding Alumna Award

Martha Clement Accepts the 2006 Outstanding Alumna Award

In 1992, she returned to Sweet Briar to act as Interim Director of Development from February to October until the new vice president and director were in place, helping the College in its transition of development leadership, giving her thoughtful wisdom, her humor, grace and countless hours of her time in order to assure a successful transition. Do you begin to appreciate the fact that whenever Sweet Briar has needed her, she has gladly answered the call?

She said that she left Sweet Briar for D.C. in 1993 to enjoy retirement, but promptly took a job as part-time development consultant at the National Cathedral College of Preachers and later at The Campagna Center in Alexandria, VA. Also in "retirement," being interested in computers and particularly the Internet, she served as a teacher's aide for a senior citizen computer class and still substitutes at the intermediate and high school level at a private school near her home.

In 2000, Martha served on the Centennial Awards Committee to select the outstanding members of the Sweet Briar community during the College's first hundred years. Her interest currently is researching her KY ancestors through the Mt. Vernon Genealogical Society.

Not one to neglect her classmates, she has served as class Fund Agent, Boxwood Circle solicitor and in 1997-98 was Reunion Gifts Co-Chair for 1948's 50th Reunion, helping to raise a class gift of \$285,925 the largest unrestricted 50th Reunion Gift on record!

Martha once said, "Sweet Briar has always been a high priority for me! I am who I am from this experience." She has demonstrated her commitment to the future of the College as a member of The Silver Rose Society and as a member of The Williams Associates, having named Sweet Briar in her will.

We thank you, Martha...for your steadfast enduring loyalty and care...past, present, ongoing.

We are so proud of you!

I will never be able to adequately thank all the people who made this award possible today. That help and support began many years ago.

When I first came to Sweet Briar, we did not have Admissions weekends: there was no gas; there were no tires for campus visits. *It was war time.* I arrived at the Sweet Briar station in September 1944, a country bumpkin from Munfordville, KY. My dear classmate, Caroline Rankin Mapother for 40-plus years afterwards *never let me forget that I always added "80 miles south of Louisville on 31 W."*

Our class bonded together early. We had the bus from Lynchburg come in to the Quad to ride us into town. We had no cars; no dates the first two years; and actually admitted in one of our class songs: "When you come down to Sweet Briar in your Army uniform, you'll have all the women hanging out of the dorm."

We entertained ourselves with step singing, smoking on the arcades (it was an honor violation to smoke inside) or playing bridge in the Student Government Office in Gray. As I lived in Randolph for three years, we loved it when Helen MacMahon, our faculty representative, invited us into



Martha Clement accepts award

- 1968 SBC's first graduates, Class of 1910: Anne Cumnack Miller*; Eugenia Griffin Burnett*; Louise Hooper Ewell*; Frances Murrell Rickards*; Annie Powell Hedges*
- 1969 Edna Lee Gilchrist '26*
- 1970 Gladys Wester Horton '30
- 1971 Mary Huntington Harrison '30*
- 1972 Phoebe Rowe Peters '31*
- 1973 Edith Durrell Marshall '21*
- 1974 Florence Freeman Fowler '19* and Helen H. McMahan '23*
- 1975 Elizabeth Prescott Balch '28*
- 1976 Juliet Halliburton Burnett Davis '35
- 1977 Martha von Briesen '31* and Jacquelyn Strickland Dwell '35*
- 1978 Dorothy Nicholson Tate '38*
- 1979 Martha Lou Lemman Stahlman '34
- 1980 Dale Hutter Harris '53
- 1981 Ann Marshall Whitley '47
- 1982 Preston Hodges Hill '49
- 1983 Mary Elizabeth Doucett Neill '41
- 1984 Nancy Dawd Burton '46* and Jane Roseberry Ewald Talleson '52
- 1985 Julio Sadler de Caligny '34*
- 1986 Adelaide Boze Glascock '40 and Sarah Adams Bush '43*
- 1987 Julia Gray Saunders Michaux '39
- 1988 Evelyn Dillard Granes '45*
- 1989 Anne Noyes Awtrey Lewis '43 and Catharine Fitzgerald Booker '47*
- 1990 Margaret Sheffield Martin '48
- 1991 Sara Shallenberger Brown '32
- 1992 Catherine Barnett Brown '49
- 1993 Ann Samford Upchurch '48*
- 1994 Clare Newman Blanchard '60 and Mildred Newman Thayer '61
- 1995 Helen Murchison Lane '46 and Adeline Jones Voorhees '46
- 1996 Alice Cary Farmer Brown '59
- 1997 Julio Mills Jacobsen '45
- 1998 Elizabeth Trueheart Harris '49
- 1999 Allison Stemmons Simon '63
- 2000 Soro Finnegan Lycett '61
- 2001 Nonnette McBurney Crowder '57
- 2002 Elizabeth Bond Wood '34* and Ann Morrison Reams '42
- 2003 Ethel Ogden Burwell '58
- 2004 Elizabeth Smith White '59
- 2005 Norma Patteson Mills '60
- 2006 Martha Mansfield Clement '48

*DECEASED

her apartment for coffee and offered us an ash tray so we could smoke inside and not out in the cold.

Like many of you sitting here today, I found the time passed too quickly. I attended my granddaughter's graduation at Sweet Briar just two weeks ago and the story line of each student speech was how much they had loved their four years here together. By the time I had learned *how to study and take exams*; it was time for us to go, too. However, I did have one secret weapon in my physical makeup...I remember names and faces...and I never go anywhere that I don't run into someone I know and naturally, I start a conversation with them. *For years it embarrassed my children.* But it was no surprise for my friends when I reported that as I walked along the streets of Paris in the early '60s, I ran into two of my Sweet Briar classmates, Betty Johnson and Kitty Doolin.

I'd like to be a student today, and explore the many opportunities that are available. But I have no regrets about my life to date. I enjoyed being an Army wife, a teacher, the mother of five children, the grandmother of seven; and a score of very good friends. I didn't complain about moving every three years. For me, it was an adventure "for the bumpkin from Munfordville ...80 miles south of Louisville on 31 W."

I truly am a lucky lady and I thank you for this honor today. My widowed mother and two brothers wished a happy college experience for me and my time at Sweet Briar exceeded all their wishes. My passion for Sweet Briar has never dimmed. I shall try to uphold the reputation of "outstanding alumna." Just find me another volunteer job and I'll be happy to do it.

Thank you, Linda, Louise, President Muhlenfeld and the good people I worked with in Alumnae, Development, PR, and Admissions.



Martha surrounded by '48 classmates who came to honor her

Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of the Sweet Briar College Alumnae Association, assembled on April 29, 2006, acknowledges with gratitude the extraordinary record of devoted service of our 2006 Outstanding Alumna, Martha Mansfield Clement, Class of 1948. She has been a preeminent alumna since Graduation.

While living in Washington, she was active in the D.C. Alumnae Club; served as National Bulb Co-Chair, and for two terms on the Alumnae Association's Executive Board as National Chair of Alumnae/Admissions Representatives.

In 1978, she joined the Development staff, and from 1986-1989 was Director of Development. During this time, the successful Generations Campaign was completed; the Reunion Giving Program, recognized as one of the nation's best, was launched; the Annual Fund reached the 1 million \$ mark.

In 1992, she returned as Interim Director of Development for four months while a new vice president and director were sought. Her wisdom, humor, grace and countless hours spent assured a successful transition in Development leadership. And in 2002, Martha served on the Centennial Awards Committee to select the outstanding members of the SBC community during the College's first 100 years.

She also has served her class, as Fund Agent, Boxwood Circle Solicitor, and Reunion Gift Co-Chair for 1948's 50th Reunion, raising \$285,925, the largest unrestricted 50th Reunion Gift on record!

And she has shown total commitment to Sweet Briar's future by membership in The Silver Rose Society and The Williams Associates, naming Sweet Briar in her will.

The Board of the Alumnae Association wishes to express deepest appreciation to Martha. They do so by way of this Resolution to be recorded in the official Minutes and to be transmitted to her.

Linda DeVagt '86
President, Sweet Briar College Alumnae Association

Louise Swiecki Zingara '80
Director, Sweet Briar College Alumnae Association

Reunion Scrapbook 2006



Edith Vongehr Bridges-Cone '41 and husband David Cone drove from California to celebrate Edith's 65th Reunion. Welcome back to The Patch, Edith!



Julia Mills Jacobsen '45 was here in high spirits for her 61st.



Mary Beth Hamlin '76, National Reunion Giving Chair, gave hearty congratulations and thanks for their love and loyalty to everyone in every Reunion class from the 5th to the 50th and beyond for an incredible fund-raising effort this year. Total for Reunion giving to the Annual Fund: \$637,265, including gifts from the classes of 1926-2001. Participation Rate: 46%! GRAND TOTAL FOR ALL GIFTS from 2006 Reunion classes: \$1,688,324. WOW!



Five 1946 classmates enjoyed a wonderful 60th.

Front, l-r: Jean Love Albert; Bea Dingwell Loos; Anne Hill Edwards.
Back, l-r: Helen Murchison Lane; Adeline Jones Voorhees



Class of 1951: 12 alumnae, 3 husbands gathered for Friday night's "official" Photo of '51's 55th

Janet Broman Dingle '51 and husband Laurence joined the '51 revelers Saturday



Photos © David Abrams except as noted

Each class made three announcements at Convocation:

Reunion Gift to the Annual Fund (RG);

Class Participation: (PART);

Five Year Total Giving (to all funds): TG

Directed by Ruth Phillips Hollowell, 1956 took the stage to entertain everyone with four songs from their Senior Show. And they won the **PARTICIPATION AWARD FOR CLASSES CELEBRATING 25TH-50TH Reunions** with 76%!



The Class of 1961 positively outdid themselves at their 45th, winning the **NANCY DOWD BURTON AWARD** for the largest Reunion Gift, \$118,190. **PART: 63%; TG: \$572,409.** Were they thrilled? You bet!

1961's Mary Cosby Rinehart (right) missed the class photo, but roving photographer Dave Abrams found her later.



Class of 1956: The 50th Was A Success! 1956 came back strong with 39 alumnae, 11 husbands, 1 son to enjoy a special dinner in their honor Friday night, beginning their Reunion festivities. **RG: \$72,458; TG: \$150,543**



The Class of 1966 orchestrated their fortieth with fun and flore. And classmate Reverend Kenon Colton Kelsey officiated at the beautiful Sunday morning Service of Remembrance in the Memorial Chapel. **RG: \$41,968; PART: 40%; TG: \$279,086.**



The Class of 1971's 35th gathered 31 alumnae, 3 husbands. Classmate Miriam Washabaugh Meglan coordinated the music for the Sunday Service of Remembrance, writing much of it herself, serving as organist, and leading the Alumnae Choir of more than 25 participants. And 1971 won the CENTENNIAL AWARD, recognizing the Reunion class with the largest total giving to all funds of the College, including Friends programs, scholarship funds, planned gifts, Annual Fund, and Our Campaign For Her World during the 5 years since it's last reunion: \$2,635,546. 2006 RG: \$81,230; PART: 49%. (Nate the Centennial Award in the class photo!)



1976 came on young and vigorous for the 30th, with 18 alumnae, 8 husbands and 2 children in attendance. Classmate Marsha Taylor Horton 2nd row, 3rd from left, held the Sunday Service of Remembrance audience captive with her sola, "Great is Thy Faithfulness." RG: \$92,870; PART: 40%; TG: \$854,802.



Photo by Nancy Baldwin

L-r, Reverend Kenan Kelsey '66 and organist/coordinator Miriam Washabaugh Meglan '71 following Service of Remembrance Reunion Sunday



The Class of 1981 had a marvelous time at the Baathouse for their 25th Reunion Picnic—and for the rest of the weekend!—with 32 alumnae, 14 husbands/guests, 16 children. They relived some of their college days with a unique Convocation rendition of "Give Me Just a Little More Time" by Chairman of the Board—the band they graciously sponsored to play during Saturday's cocktail dinner buffet. RG: \$50,751; PART: 48%; TG: \$504,400.



The Class of 1986: Intermittent evening showers didn't dampen the Class of 1986's spirits as they began their 20th Reunion Celebration Picnic at The Farm House; 43 alumnae, 10 husbands, 28 children (!) had a fantastic time. And they set A NEW ALL-TIME RECORD FOR THE LARGEST UNRESTRICTED CLASS GIFT IN A 20TH REUNION: \$60,698, surpassing the old record of \$48,174. Part: 40%; TG: 115,186.



The Class of 1991 celebrated the 15th with élan; 26 alumnae, 14 husbands, 10 children were everywhere on campus. At Reunion Convocation, they won the PARTICIPATION AWARD FOR REUNION CLASSES CELEBRATING THE 5th THROUGH 20th REUNIONS with 43%. Their Reunion Gift was given in memory of classmate Arleigh Davis. RG: \$7,655; TG: \$1,516,191.



The Class of 2001 was warmly welcomed back to campus with a Friday evening Cocktail party at the Deanery in honor of their first "official" Reunion. Arriving from 11 states and Belize (!), 21 alumnae, 12 husbands/friends made the most of the 5th Reunion celebration. RG: \$5,002; PART: 15%; TG: \$31,563.



The Class of 1996 mustered 28 alumnae, 14 husbands/friends, 4 children for a happy 10th Reunion weekend. RG: \$13,325; PART: 28%; TG: \$30,463. They "let the good times roll!"



Reunion is for everyone in the family!



Hayride!



Ivana Pelnar-Zaiko received warm thanks from the Reunion Convocation audience as she prepared to leave her post as SBC's Vice President for Development.



Tennis, anyone?

Lifetime of Learning Alumnae Club Award

KRISTIN DANE EWING, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, CAREER SERVICES CENTER

According to Clay P. Bedford, "You can teach a student a lesson for a day; but if you can teach him to learn by creating curiosity, he will continue the learning process as long as he lives." Sweet Briar College clearly inspires its graduates to be curious and continue learning for a lifetime.

Liz Homoki Titus '94, former Alumnae Board Academic Outreach Committee Chair, and the Academic Outreach Committee created the Lifetime of Learning Alumnae Club Competition in 2006 to celebrate those Alumnae Clubs who live by Clay's philosophy. Each year, the Academic Outreach Committee will recognize the Sweet Briar Alumnae Club that most exhibits lifelong learning through its events, and will award the designation of Honorable Mention to two additional

Alumnae Clubs. Any Alumnae Club who has hosted an event with an academic aspect is eligible to win and the criteria is based on the number of academic/lifelong learning events each club offers, the size of each club, and the involvement of Sweet Briar College faculty in each club's events as well as the academic component of the event (museum tours, lectures, etc.).

It quickly became apparent to the Academic Outreach Committee that it was going to be impossible to declare one winner in this the inaugural year of the award. **Three Alumnae Clubs** clearly stood out for having long-standing, amazingly well-developed programs. Therefore, the Lifetime of Learning award goes to Vero Beach (Humanities Lecture Series), Atlanta (Living Room Learning) and Denver (College For A Day). Congratulations!

Vero Beach Humanities Lecture

For many years the Vero Beach Museum of Art and College Alumni Associations across the country have helped to provide the Vero Beach community with a wide variety of lectures concerning issues in the arts and humanities by some of the country's finest schools and educators. Alumnae of Vero Beach have participated in this program since 1995 and most recently hosted Sweet Briar College professor and Director of the College Museum, Christian Carr who provided a lecture on Francophilia in the Gilded Age. Past speakers have included President Betsy Muhlenfeld, Pam DeWeese, John Gregory Brown, Barbara Perry, Rebecca Massie Lane, Bill Kershner, Dave Orvos, Eric Casey, Jonathan Green and

Jeff Key. The event consists of a lecture provided by a Sweet Briar professor on a specific theme picked by the museum followed by a special cocktail reception for alumnae to interact with the guest speaker (next year the lectures will be earlier in the morning so there will be a cocktail reception the preceding night and lunch following the lecture). Betty Stanly Cates '63, who has been involved with this program from the beginning, feels this is a wonderful event for the community and a great way for Sweet Briar to get exposure in the area, especially for prospective students and guidance counselors. Erin Rogers '08 attended the humanities lecture as a prospective student and was thrilled with the opportunity to meet a SBC

professor. Betty admits feeling a huge sense of pride when one of her friends comes up to her after an SBC professor has spoken and comments on how outstanding the professor was. She also feels alumnae enjoy attending the events in order to connect with Sweet Briar through updates provided by the faculty members. She feels lucky to have had so many alumnae in the area interested in this program over the years including former Chairmen of the Board: Victor Henningsen, Walter Brown, and Reed Petersmeyer. This event also has the potential to be a great recruiting event because prospective students don't need to travel all the way to Sweet Briar to meet SBC faculty. They can hear a SBC professor lecture right in their own backyard.

A big Congratulations goes out to all the Alumnae Clubs who hosted academically focused events:

Amherst/Nelson Co.
Arizona
Atlanta
Denver
Hampton Roads
Indiana
New Jersey
New York City
New York State
Ohio
Richmond
Vero Beach
Washington, D.C.

Next year the award recipients will refer back to the original format with one winner and two honorable mentions—once a club has won an award they are not eligible to win again for five years.

Atlanta—Living Room Learning

Washington D.C. Alumnae Club Scholarship

The Alumnae Club of Washington D.C. provides three scholarships for current Sweet Briar Students: 1.) Washington D.C. Endowed Scholarship, which is based strictly on merit and is to go to a freshman—renewable for four years 2.) The Vivienne Barkalow Hornbeck Scholarship Fund and 3.) The Harriet Evans Wyckoff Scholarship. For the past two years, the D.C. Club has sponsored numerous events and held two annual dinners/silent auctions to raise money for these scholarships. In 2005 the club raised, \$5,000 and in 2006 they raised \$8,000 for the D.C. alumnae fund, which is the largest amount raised by an Alumnae Club in recent years. Janet Whitehurst Binder '75, D.C. Club President states, "The success [of these events] has been due to the enthusiastic and generous support of the D.C. Club Alumnae. We would like to challenge other Alumnae Clubs to do the same."

For the past 38 years many Atlanta Sweet Briar alumnae's living rooms have been filled with lively lectures and discussions from college faculty during the months of January and February because of the vision Anne *Sheffield* Hale '54 had during an Alumnae Council back in the mid-'60s. Anne had learned about a similar program being run by the Cleveland, OH Alumnae Club. Once she returned to Atlanta with the help of Sue *Burnett* Davis '32, Nancy *Hall* Green '64, Margaret *Davison* Block '54, Betsy *Meade* Hastings '56, Harriet *Houston* Shaffer '64 and Newell *Bryan* Tozzer '55 Living Room Learning was created. The program is designed for those who seek university-level lectures without academic credit. Anne explains, "The original intent was to schedule the Living Room Learning lectures at hours that young mothers of nursery or kindergarten age children could attend. It would be possible to drive a car group before and

after the lectures." Living Room Learning is eight-weeks long and held every Wednesday morning from 10:00 a.m.–12:00 (noon) during the months of January and February. A professor from a surrounding University or College, such as Georgia State University, Emory University and Agnes Scott College, provides a lecture series on a designated topic. Most recently, Living Room Learning was hosted in the homes of Caroline *Crumley* *Newton* Smith '92 and Anne *Sheffield* Hale '54 and Professor Tom McHaney from Georgia State University lectured on William Faulkner. Over the years topics have encompassed a variety of subjects—literature, art history, American foreign policy, theology, social change, business ethics, and public health. Anne notes, "Most of our subscribers now are well past the young mother stage, in their sixties, seventies and eighties." She considers the reason for this may be that those alumnae who started years ago

as young mothers have become "addicted" and don't want to stop or perhaps the bright, young alumnae that are now graduating from Sweet Briar are entering the professional world.

Newell Tozzer notes that the program has been overwhelmingly successful and admits to receiving hand-delivered registration forms from participants in order to ensure their spot in this first-come, first-served basis. The program is designed for 50 participants with priority given to Sweet Briar alumnae (who make up about 50% of the participants). Alumnae from five other institutions in the area also have participated. Agnes Scott alumnae liked the program so well they not only have participated but also created their own Living Room Learning program that meets on a different day. Newell believes people of all ages enjoy this program so much because it "is a wonderful way to stimulate the brain during the gloomy winter months."

Denver—College For A Day

College For A Day has been providing the greater Denver Community with a forum for in-depth lectures and stimulating discussion for nearly 40 years. Professors from a consortium of different colleges including such schools as Sweet Briar College, Wellesley, Smith, Mount Holyoke, Skidmore, Bryn Mawr and Connecticut College present interesting and memorable lectures that make for a day of lively learning and spirited discussion. A professor from Sweet Briar College participates in this event every three years. Most recently, the

Denver Alumnae Club hosted Eric Casey, assistant professor of Classical studies, who spoke to more than 300 people about Greek philosophical ideas of style and their influence on the development of moral character during a lecture entitled, "From Cosmos to Cosmetics: Ancient Styles of Order and Adornment" and in 2003 Dean Jonathan Green spoke on "The Aesthetic of Perception." When Sweet Briar faculty is represented at College For A Day the Denver Alumnae Club also sponsors a cocktail reception for all alumnae and prospective students in the

area. Many Denver alumnae have been involved with this event including Judy *Wilson* Grant '66, Jane *Merkle* Borden '65 and Ann *Lindquist* '92. Club President and College For A Day committee member, Lesley *Byers* Bush '94, believes that having an academic focus to an alumnae event gives purpose to the event and provides for a large turnout. She also believes College For A Day is an excellent recruitment tool for prospective students and parents who actually get to meet a faculty member who might be teaching them in the future.

Departure of Chaplain Guy Brewer

Dr. Guy Brewer left the Sweet Briar community after Commencement in May 2006 to accept a faculty position as Associate Professor at Anderson University School of Theology in Anderson, IN—a fulfillment of a long-term dream that he might, at some point, share his pastoral expertise with ministers in training.

Guy and his wife Rena came to Sweet Briar in August 2001 from Jacksonville, FL, where he had been serving as pastor of a United Methodist church. He brought to Sweet Briar a lively intellect, extensive experience both in traditional church settings and as a college chaplain, and boundless energy and enthusiasm. He had been here only a month when the tragic events of September 11, 2001 plunged the campus—and the nation—into shock. Guy immediately provided a voice of calm and comfort for students, staff and faculty alike. Throughout his time at Sweet Briar, that same care and concern came to be valued by hundreds of students to whom “Chap” was a teacher, confidant and friend—roles he served for many members of our faculty and staff as well. He had been here only a year when he was honored by our students with the Shirley P. Reid Award for Outstanding Service by a staff member.

Guy Brewer’s legacy to Sweet Briar is not only the kindness and good counsel he shared with so many members of our community, but also the extent to which he served as mentor and coach, engaging students in the work of the Chaplain’s Office,

and in leadership development. His Sweet Spirits, a group of young women who work together to develop programming in support of students’ spiritual and character development, has included some of Sweet Briar’s most distinguished students. In recent years, a first-year group, the Fresh Spirits, was formed as well, with support from the Chaplain’s Office. Guy’s leadership with the Ethics Bowl team, and his involvement and encouragement of service learning were hallmarks of his time at Sweet Briar, as was his “Open Door” approach and his sensitivity to and welcoming of students of all faith traditions.



Chaplain Guy Brewer at Commencement 2006

We wish Guy and Rena the very best in the next chapter of their lives.

Photo © David Abrams

The Sweet Briar College Board Of Directors

New Members

Leigh C. Darrell '06
Chesterstown, MD
Sweet Briar College B.A.

Jo Ann Soderquist Kramer '64
Master's Degree
Essex Junction, VT
Sweet Briar College, B.A..
UVA School of Engineering
Master's Degree, Aerospace
Engineering, 1967
Director, Naval Defense System
Programs, General Dynamics
Corporation

Karen Gill Meyer '63
Scottsdale, AZ
Sweet Briar College, B.A.

Diane Dale Reiling '73
Mercer Island, WA
Sweet Briar College, B.A.
John L. Scott Real Estate

Retired from the Sweet
Briar College Board of
Directors, July 1, 2006

Julio Schmitz '03
Birmingham AL

Sandra A. Taylor '74
(Executive Committee)
Richmond VA

**Mildred ("Bee") Newman
Thayer '61**
Whitefield NJ

Jane Tatman Walker '60
(Vice Chairman)
Indanapolis IN

The Reverend Adam White: Interim Chaplain



**Reverend Adam
White at Opening
Convocation 2006**

Photo by Suzanne Ramsey

Reverend Adam White, who knows the Sweet Briar community well, will serve as Interim Chaplain for the 2006-2007 academic year. He has participated in a number of activities on campus over the last several years, and has built many relationships with faculty, staff, and students as pastor of the Emmanuel United Methodist Church in Amherst from 2000-2005. His wife Angela was one of the first four graduates of SBC's Master of Arts in Teaching program in May 2005 and she sang with the Sweet Tones. Their six-year-old daughter, Hannah, attended the Campus Preschool.

Adam comes to us from Mount Moriah United Methodist Church in Charlottesville, VA, where he serves as Pastor. He earned his Master of Arts in Religion in 2004 from Eastern Mennonite Seminary (concentrating in Hebrew Bible); his Master of Divinity summa cum laude from Drew University Theological School in 1998; and his Bachelor of Science from Eastern Mennonite University in 1995.

We are delighted to welcome Adam, Angela, and Hannah back to Sweet Briar.

Ivana Pelnar-Zaiko Leaves Development Post

Dr. Ivana Pelnar-Zaiko stepped down from her role as Vice President for Development at the end of June 2006, as *Our Campaign For Her World* drew to a very successful close. Beginning July 1st, Ivana served for several months as a part-time consultant to the Development Office, remaining on campus and focusing on campaign analysis, reporting, and the September Campaign Celebration Weekend (Homecoming 2006).

Ivana joined Sweet Briar's senior staff in September 1999. In short order, she launched the largest capital campaign in Sweet Briar's history with a goal nearly triple that of our most recent campaign. Along the way, this effort won recognition for Sweet Briar in fund-raising circles, including a Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) Region III award.

Ivana and her husband Ed (a retired research chemist who occasionally served as Adjunct Professor of Chemistry at SBC) were an interesting and important part of the campus community for seven years, mainstays at dinners in Prothro and at nearly every cultural event—reflecting their love of music, literature, and theatre. They regularly opened their campus home, Red Top, to faculty, staff, and alumnae for good conversation spiced with delicious Central European delicacies. And last spring, the graduating class named Ivana an Honorary Member of the Class of 2006!

We wish her well in her next venture, as she joins the international consulting firm in philanthropic management, Grenzebach Glier Europe, in 2007. The parent firm, Grenzebach Glier & Associates, Inc., served as Sweet Briar's consulting firm during *Our Campaign For Her World*, through its Senior Executive Vice President and Managing Director Kathleen A. Kavanagh '74.

We thank Ivana, whose legacy to Sweet Briar is the strong, professional development operation she insisted on and built—a legacy that will benefit the College for generations.



Ivana Pelnar-Zaiko

New Alumnae Association Board Members, July 1, 2006

Gwendolyn Hickey Babcock '95
Part-time Youth Ministries Support Specialist, Bethany United Methodist Church
Dallastown, PA
Young Alumnae Giving Co-Chair

Michelle Badger '06
Assistant Director of Annual Giving, Development, Sweet Briar College
Sweet Briar, VA
Member-at-Large

Sarah Betz Bucciero '97
Teacher, Gald Hill Middle School
Dovidson, NC
Region IV Chair

Elizabeth "Betsy" Pearson Griffin '62
Executive Director, Museum of Printing History
Houston, TX
National Reunion Giving Chair

Julie Hildebrand '96
Region III Chair

Mary "Mollie" Nelson Johnson '64
Volunteer
Lookout Mountain, TN
Annual Fund Chair

Diane Dale Reiling '73
Residential Specialist, John L. Scott Real Estate
Mercer Island, WA
Alumnae Nominated Member of the Board of Directors

Eugenia "Genie" Stark '95
Associate Attorney, Gibson, Dunn & Critcher LLP
Jackson, MS
Region VIII Chair

Alison Stockdale '00
Security Specialist, Department of the Interior
Woodbridge, VA
Young Alumnae Giving Co-Chair

Elvira McMillan Tate '65
Volunteer
Atlanta, GA
Boxwood Circle Giving Chair

CeCelia Valentine '95
Assistant Public Defender, Pima County Public Defender
Tucson, AZ
Academic Outreach Chair

Retired From The Alumnae Association Board, June 30, 2006

Ethel Ogden Burwell '58
Grosse Pointe Farms, MI

Lee Foley Dolan '96
Richmond, VA

Kimberley McGraw Euston '92
Marietta, GA

Judy Wilson Grant '66
Littleton, CO

Mary Beth Hamlin '76
Winnetka, IL

Elizabeth Dunck Hayes '95
Charlotte, NC

Robin Rodger Heller '76
Grasse Pointe Farms, MI

Anne Robling Percival '88
Richmond, VA

Ann Bruce Faircloth Porter '86
Auburn, AL

Victoria Rangel '04
Riverside, CA

Liz Homoki-Titus '94
Bethesda, MD

Myths vs. Reality

GIVING TO SBC: ALUMNAE LEADERS SHARE THEIR INSIGHTS

In this third article in a series addressing alumnae misconceptions about giving, Mollie Johnson Nelson '64 encourages alumnae to join in the fun and volunteer, and Nannette McBurney Crowdus '57 answers planned giving questions.



Mollie Johnson Nelson '64



Nannette McBurney Crowdus '57

The myth

WHAT ALUMNAE HAVE TO SAY ABOUT VOLUNTEERING FOR SWEET BRIAR:

- "I love Sweet Briar and want to be involved, but I don't know what I can do."
- "I don't have a lot of extra time to volunteer and I don't remember all of my classmates."

The reality

THE REAL SCOOP FROM MOLLIE JOHNSON NELSON '64, NATIONAL ANNUAL FUND CHAIR:

Recently, a survey showed that Sweet Briar alumnae want to be involved with the College, and a great way to participate is to become an Annual Fund volunteer. A big part of the success of the Annual Fund is due to the wonderful volunteers who contact classmates and keep them connected to Sweet Briar and to each other. In 2006, the Annual Fund surpassed its goal and set a new record with giving totaling over \$2 million. More than 250 dedicated volunteers made this amazing achievement possible.

Volunteering keeps you connected with what is happening on campus. It is also a great way to be involved in making a significant difference to SBC and promotes reconnecting with classmates and getting to know them better. No prior experience is needed and the process is well organized and the time commitment limited. Volunteers are assigned only six to eight classmates to call and all the preparation is done for you, with plenty of support from the Annual Fund staff.

The best reason of all to volunteer: IT'S FUN! We have the proof—Annual Fund volunteers feel so good about their experience that most return to volunteer again. The 2007 volunteer leaders are excited about making a difference for Sweet Briar and working with alumnae from every class year, so join in the fun and volunteer today.

The myth

WHAT ALUMNAE HAVE TO SAY ABOUT INCLUDING SWEET BRIAR IN THEIR ESTATE PLANNING:

- "I'm still young—I don't need to worry about planned giving."
- "I plan on giving to the College, but I don't want to tell them about that yet—things might change."

The reality

THE REAL SCOOP FROM NANNETTE MCBURNEY CROWDUS '57, NATIONAL PLANNED GIVING CHAIR:

Planned giving is an important way to help ensure the continued financial security of the College for future generations. It is never too soon to begin to think about planned giving. As well as being easier and less stressful, early planning helps map out a sound strategy to ensure personal financial security for your future. The Development Office has materials available to help you consider planned giving options and the staff is always available to answer questions and share information.

Everyone needs an up-to-date will. The next time you revise yours, consider adding a gift to Sweet Briar. If you have made provision for Sweet Briar in your estate planning, it is important to notify the College of your intentions. No one knows what the future will bring and estate plans are not written in stone. You can always make changes in your intentions, but letting the College know your plans now allows the College to plan better for the future. Become a member of the Williams Associates by including Sweet Briar in your estate plans and leave your mark on generations of young women to come.

To participate or to learn more, contact the Annual Fund staff at annualfund@sbc.edu or call toll-free at 1.888.846.5722.

bulletin board



REMEMBER TO CHECK OUT BANNER SELF SERVICE

The newest feature of Banner Self Service is the ability to pull alumnae lists by class, state, club area, major and occupation! Go to www.sbc.edu/alumnae and click to the right on one of the Banner Self Service links.

Banner Self Service is a password-protected and secure Web site for alumnae of Sweet Briar College. Among other features, it has an **online alumnae directory**, called Find a Classmate. Using your username and password, you can log in at any time to update your personal information, search for contact information on alumnae friends and now, pull your own alumnae lists at any time! Contact the Alumnae Office at alumnae@sb.edu if you need help using the service.

SWEET BRIAR COLLEGE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION 2007 TOURS ABROAD

Palaces & Deserts: A New Year's Celebration in Morocco
December 27, 2006–January 5, 2007

Village Life along the Waterways of Holland and Belgium
May 4–12, 2007

Village Life along the Dalmatian Coast
May 29–June 6, 2007

Village Life in the Dordogne
August 2–10, 2007

A President's Trip: Argentina, Chile, and Patagonia
October 19–November 2, 2007

Contact Melissa Coffey '98, Tour Coordinator, Alumnae Office, for details: 800-381-6131; 434-381-6243; mcoffey@sb.edu

Back-to-School Events Were A Success!

During the months of July and August, 28 Alumnae Clubs hosted Back-to-School Events. While the events differed from dinners at a local establishment in town, to dessert receptions and pitch-in picnics, the purpose was the same: to honor new and returning Sweet Briar students from their areas. Special thanks go to those individuals who planned and/or hosted an event. They include: Jane Hemenway Sullivan '78; Jeannine Davis Harris '80; Claire Purnell '81; Kerri Rawlings Burtner '97; Jennifer Crossland '86; Lee Dalan '96; Katrina Bills '97; Linda DeVogt '86; Martha Holland '74; Megan Glover '99; Ann MacDonald Carter '97; Dawn Martin '01; Sarah Betz Bucciero '97; Melanie Chriscoe '97; Elizabeth Baker '00; Dena Jackson '05; Kelly Iacobelli '87; Camille Yaw '55; Rushton Callaghan '86; Meredith Tillery '99; Kristy Judson Fetzer '77; Robin Juliana '97; Jessica Hiveley '97; Ethel Ogden Burwell '58; Dallas Steering Comm; Kit Newman Detering '76;

Diane Dale Reiling '73; Lesley Byers Bush '94; Mary Beth Miller Orson '86; Kate Dobie '06; Penn Willets Fullerton '66; Donna Prommas Duchow '86; and Robin Behm '79. Thank you again for helping to make these events so successful.

The Student Relations Committee Wants to Get to Know You!

The Student Relations Committee (SRC) is a small group of students who work towards enhancing communication and interaction between alumnae and current students. They have been very active this fall in strengthening this relationship through their large presence at Homecoming, hosting senior dinners at The Farm House, and spotlighting alumnae in the Voice, the student newspaper. To learn more about SRC check out their Web site at: www.sbc.edu/alumnae/student_relations. They are excited to continue to meet alumnae this spring through their work with the Alumnae Office and their involvement in Advisory Councils and Spring Board.

Homecoming 2006: Women Who Go Out And Make A Difference

Look for complete coverage of Homecoming Weekend,
September 21–24, 2006 and the Campaign Celebration in the
Winter Alumnae Magazine!

SBC SUMMER PROGRAMS

For more than 25 years, Sweet Briar College has provided quality residential, dining and instructional facilities for academic and athletic summer programs.

The College's gated campus, as well as its 3,250 acres of rolling fields and woodland trails, make it an ideal setting for summer camps and retreats. This past summer Sweet Briar hosted a variety of summer programs during the months of June, July and August including the Van Der Meer Tennis Camps, Prince William County Gift Art Program, Total Physical Response and Storytelling German Workshop, Merestead Sports Camp, Old Dominion Region Pony Club C3 and Up Prep Camp, Blue Ridge Soccer Academy, Difficult Run Pony Club, GIVA Soccer School, Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance Annual Spring Retreat, and Alexander Technique: The 27th Annual Summer Residential Workshop.

For comfort and safety, all of the College's residence halls are equipped with air conditioning, a water sprinkler system, and smoke alarms. In addition, Sweet Briar has consistently been recognized as one of the top colleges in the country for the quality and selection of its meals. A variety of main entrees and side dishes are offered with freshly baked pastries in the morning, and a large salad and sandwich bar for lunch and dinner.

If you would like more information about Summer Programs at Sweet Briar check out our Web site at: <http://www.summerprograms.sbc.edu/>. If you are interested in organizing a summer program contact Nancy Herr at nherr@sbcc.edu or (434) 381-6341.

The Book Shop at Sweet Briar College SWEET BRIAR CLOTHING & GIFTS



www.bookshop.sbc.edu e-mail: bookshop@sbcc.edu
Toll free phone: 800-381-6106 Fax: 434-381-6437

The FLORENCE ELSTON Inn & Conference Center At Sweet Briar College



- 10,000 square feet of conference space
- State-of-the-art audio-visual technology
- Wireless internet access
- Comfortably furnished lounges
- 36 spacious rooms and 2 King Suites



Florence Elston Inn
450 Sweet Briar Drive, Sweet Briar, VA 24595
434.381.6207 or toll free 866.388.6207
www.sbc.edu/elstoninn

recent deaths

1928

Alice Bobbitt
Mrs. Alice B. Hackley
January 8, 2005

Adaline Beeson
Miss Adaline R. Beeson
Date unknown

1929

Virginia Chaffee
Mrs. William M. Gwynn
July 24, 2006

1930

Josephine Reid
Mrs. C. Stephen Stubbs III
July 17, 2006

1931

Mary Cannaday
Mrs. William A. Gore, Jr.
1999

1932

Roberta Drane
Mrs. Walter Ewing Jones
May 21, 2006

1934

Elizabeth Kiniry
Mrs. Robert D. Thomas
April 10, 2006

1935

Jessie Davis
Mrs. Robert L. Hall
May 4, 2006

1938

Jane Gregory
Dr. Jane G. Marrow
June 30, 2006

1939

Lois Lear
Mrs. Wendell R. Stoops
May 27, 2006

1940

Alverta Hill
Mrs. Samuel T. Thompson
August 25, 2005

1941

Ruth Hemphill
Mrs. John F. DeBuys
July 5, 2006

1942

Eugenia Burnett
Mrs. Herman A. Affel, Jr.
June 28, 2006

Helen Sanford
Miss Helen J. Sanford
June 12, 2006

1943

Muriel Grymes
Mrs. Alexander Blumenthal
May 10, 2006

Nancy Littlefield
Mrs. Daniel Stearns
July 1, 2006

Dorothy Long
Mrs. Robert B. Cousins III
August 21, 2006

Harriette Morris
Mrs. Robert F. Haller
May 16, 2006

1945

Dale Bogert
Mrs. Dale B. Baldwin
June 16, 2006

Ann Gladney
Mrs. William P. Gibson
May 20, 2006

Irene McDonnell
Irene McDonnell Hill
December 21, 2005

Harriet Whitehurst
Mrs. Frank Brownnett
July 18, 2006

1946

Thula Ruth Carroll
Mrs. Edward A. Gibson
August 9, 2006

Margaret Sibley
Mrs. R. B. Lewis
August 7, 2006

1947

Caroline Fischer
Mrs. Horace W. McKim III
July 5, 2006

1950

Dorothy Barney
Mrs. Maurice J. Hoover, Jr.
July 25, 2006

1954

Julia O'Neal
Mrs. Prescott W. Gould
June 24, 2006

1955

Sarah Bivins
Miss Sarah A. Bivins
July 16, 2006

1956

Joyce Fackiner
Mrs. Joyce Bliss
June 14, 2006

1957

Sarah Brothers
Mrs. William T. Oliver
August 8, 2006

1962

Ann Anderson
Mrs. George C. Stuckey
April 19, 2006

1966

Joan Niles
Mrs. James Tansey
August 5, 2006

1968

Laura Ives
Dr. Laura G. Braun
May 7, 2006

1971

Teresa Liao
Mrs. Clark Faulkner, Jr.
August 8, 2006

1980

Elizabeth Brooke Hardin
Mrs. Bruce P. Randall
July 14, 2006

1995

Mary-Byrd Schroeder
Mrs. John A. Braun
July 4, 2006

*If you wish to write to a member
of the family of someone recently
deceased, please contact the
Alumnae Office for name and
address.*

class notes

1929

Sara Callison Jamison
2741 N Salisbury St No 3316
West Lafayette, IN 47906-1431

1934

Martha Lou Lemmon Stohlman
Pennswood Village D-212
1382 Newtown-Langhorne Rd
Newtown, PA 18940-2401

1935

Juliet Halliburton Davis
2673 Belcher Mountain Rd
Meadows of Dan, VA 24120-9801

1936

Katharine Niles Parker
22 Ashland St
Boston, MA 02122

1938

Frances Fleming Bailey Brooke
405 Jackson Avenue
Lexington, VA 24450-1905

1939

Julia Gray Saunders Michaux
1600 Westbrook Ave No 633
Richmond, VA 23227
ramjgsm@aol.com

1940

Ruth Mealand Schwartz
2242 Langley Circle
Orlando, FL 32835
RMS246@hotmail.com

Marion Phinizy Jones of Pasadena, CA flew east to attend her grandniece's wedding, also the daughter of her sister Logan Phinizy Johns '36. While there in Richmond, Logan gave Marion a luncheon party, inviting some area classmates, such as Emory Gill Williams, Carrington "Carmie" Lancaster Pasco and Adelaide "Polly" Boze Glascock. They had a grand time together.

Margaret Dowell Kearney has just moved to Vero Beach, FL to be closer to one of her sons.

Jane Bush Long has very recently returned home to Augusta, GA from a trip to London and Paris.

1942

Ann Morrison Reams
771 Bon Air Circle
Lynchburg, VA 24503
amrsbc@verizon.net
Reunion 2007: May 18-20, 2007

How good to hear from Alice William Glover. She writes, "I have remarried at age 84. My 3rd husband, after losing my first 2. He is Herndor Inge, Jr., a lawyer in Mobile, still practicing. We are taking a trip to Europe on the Queen Mary at the end of Apr., our delayed honeymoon. I still spend summers in Linville, NC where I have a house."

All of us mourn the deaths of our classmates, recently GeeGee Moomaw Hall, Ginny Cummings Davis, Ruth Jacquot Tempest, Eugenia Burnett Affel and most recently, our beloved Helen Sanford, who was such a special spark for all our class.

HOW TO GET YOUR NEWS IN CLASS NOTES:

Send your news to the Class Secretary listed with your class. If your class has no class secretary listed, please send news to the Alumnae Office, Sweet Briar, VA 24595 (E-mail: alumnae@sbcb.edu). Classmates want to hear from you!

Secretaries may submit notes for every issue of the magazine. Please see that your Class Secretary receives your news before the deadlines below:

Issue	Deadline
Winter '07	November 1, 2006
Spring/Summer '07	April 1, 2007

Class Secretaries are volunteers elected by their class and are responsible for the accuracy of the class notes.

Make sure the Alumnae Office has your correct e-mail address!
Please send e-mail addresses to: alumnae@sbcb.edu

1943

Catherine S. Parker Silverman
Monroe Village Apt E 118
1 Bainberg Dr
Monroe Township, NJ 08831

1944

Mrs. Pierpont B. Buck
Alice Lancaster
Covenant Hill Farm
9357 Covenant Hill Lane
Marshall, VA 20115-9701
PBBUCK@erols.com

1945

Julia Mills Jacobsen
4416 Edmunds St NW
Washington, DC 20007-1117
ljamj@erols.com

Mary Haskins King
501 Kimberly Drive
Greensboro, NC 27408-5021

At Reunion we elected Jim Hartman, Jodie Morgan's husband, Class President.

Mary Haskins King volunteered to write to those of you without e-mail and I will handle the other half by e-mail. I encourage those of you who avoid e-mail to try it. Mary has done the hard job

because my writing deteriorates after 2 or 3 lines.

Julia Mills Jacobsen: I have had a couple of stupid falls resulting in a torn rotor cuff and months of physical therapy. I can walk without a walker now but, let's face it, my golfing days are over. However, I have been able to get to Capitol Hill to visit the DE Senators and Congressmen lobbying for Home Health Care and Beach Restoration. I am still on the Board of the Med Star Visiting Nurse Foundation, and I live on the beach VERY close to the ocean in DE. In case the sea level rises, I still have the Washington house. I am at the Beach all summer and my doors are always open. I do see Harriet Wilcox Gearhart and David at the beach and tried to get them to come to Reunion. They never give up and are always cheerful. I have a family from the Philippines living with me, so I can stay in my house(s). I could never move my "stuff"—still have my blue books from highschool.

Wylene Chapman Sayler She loves e-mail and reports that 2 of their 4 boys still live in St. Petersburg at least for the present, Henry has AMD and no longer drives but he rides his bicycle 20 miles every Saturday and goes to the gym by bike or with a friend during the week. Wylene still plays tennis 3 times a week and is busy with interesting

volunteer activities. Henry and Wylene were instrumental in having The First Methodist Church open a columbarium. She still does meals on wheels and the Salvation Army One-Stop Center where the homeless are provided with lockers and mail boxes. **Dale Saylor Morgan** visited Wylene and Henry for a week in Mar. **Hilda Hude Chapin** and Wylene talk often.

Mary Haskins King: She and her 2 daughters (Telle & Nancy) went to TN for a h.s. reunion at GPS-Chattanooga and **Hilda Hude Chapin** had them for dinner Friday night. They were planning to see **Sarah Temple Moore**. Mary's daughter e-mailed me volunteering to help get this together. Thank you!

Amanda Parsley Worth: It's hard to put 63 years on a post card, but thanks for asking! I'm still in Raleigh, still reading and cooking and knitting and walking. No more tennis—hip replacement—but some yard work. All 3 children live here, 2 grandchildren at Appalachian, 1 in h.s. George died in 1991, which was the end of 42 years of great fun and satisfaction, but there are lots of friends and family close by, and plenty of things to do and to look forward to. I miss our trips to Greensboro, but keep up with **Ann Cooper**.

Mildred Carothers Healy: Bill and I are doing well. Our real claim to fame is our 9 great-grandchildren. They are all just wonderful of course. "Mil" is another GPS grad and wishes she could be at the reunion at GPS.

Hedy Edwards Davenport: All well here—Hedy just got back from FL where she winters in Ponte Vedra. The Mountain is beautiful and she was expecting 30 children and grandchildren for Easter dinner. "T" was great seeing you and the old timers at Reunion in '05. I thought we had held up pretty well." (ed note: I have some fun pictures from Reunion last year including one of Hedy. If I learn how to e-mail them I will send them.)

Dale Bogert Baldwin: Dale moved to Aiken, SC in Apr. '05 from Hilton Head—10 ½ years in Santa Fe, NM before that. Her son Craig is in Aiken with her. Her daughter, Delice, is back in KY as of May '05. 4 grandchildren; Jody is in medical school in the Caribbean. Hunter is in college in GA. Craig Jr. mentors troubled teens in the state of WA and Elizabeth works in a college in FL, marrying in KY in June. Dale will see **Joan Stover Kemper** in June in Chicago at their 65th h.s. reunion.

Cappy Price Bass: Not much news of the Bass family. They went

to Delray early Oct. '05 and had the dubious experience of living through their 1st hurricane "Wilma". "Flew back to Louisville for 3 weeks where we had power, telephone and gasoline (which Delray didn't!) Returned to Louisville in Mar. for spring, and the next day we had snow. Exiting! We've stopped traveling, which we miss. But age has made the reason. No new grandchildren. It's hard to believe we will celebrate our 60th anniversary in Sept. Sorry we missed our SBC 55th.

Edie Page Gill Breakell: "You are wonderful to keep us together. Wish we could do Reunion again! It was so much fun!! Let's strive for the next one!! On Nov. 12, '05 my youngest son, James was remarried to a darling girl. It was a big, beautiful wedding and fortunately, I made it up and down the aisle. James' older daughter, Courtney (11) was maid-of-honor and JB, James' son, was best man. What a happy time. Kristin is so beautiful and wonderful."

Sarah Temple Moore: Sarah's husband, Tom, died in Jan. after a brief illness. They were planning to celebrate their 60th anniversary with Bill and **Mildred Carothers Healy** in the fall. But she cherishes the wonderful years they had together. All their 5 sons and wives, 8 grandchildren were here for a glorious celebration of his life. Sarah is keeping busy with the art gallery now at her home and getting back to her easel.

Leila Barnes Cheatham: Same 3 attentive children, same 8 exceptional grandchildren. Annie married Rogers in '04. Leila V is an independent traveler. Gilliam, son #2, has just left to return to Wilson, WY. He carries on the Textile tradition. MKT week on NY, 1888 mills. Henry inherits financial expertise. Leila III comes when I have eye surgery and when I am off to Ash Wednesday and fun with friends, she returns to her mountain in Brevard, NC ASAP. I hope all is well with you and all of 1945.

Elizabeth Zulick Reuter: "Age is catching up! My writing is terrible plus a Labor of Love, we are both doing well with a few physical problems here and there no skiing anymore but we dwell on the positive! Our great joys are the children and grandchildren, 5 in college, 2 graduating this year. We also have two pretty great-grands; ages 3 and 4.

Elene Essary Gill: "I am getting along quite well with Parkinson's. My nurses give me good care, my 4 children and 8 grandchildren come to see me quite often. My room overlooks our garden with all of my flowers. I enjoy

reading about SBC and how well it is doing; my husband is a great joy to me. Best wishes to my classmates of '45'.

Maria Tucker Bell: "I'm still hanging in there and still in my house in Staunton. In '05, I was thrilled to welcome a great-grandson, Tucker, in Richmond and a great-granddaughter in Charlotte, Gracie. Also one granddaughter in law school at W. and L. all growing up too fast. Love having grandson—Thomas Bell III still here in Staunton. Hope all is well with you. Sad to have lost my sister."

Frances "Pani" Mattoon Luckett: She is still working hard in therapy as she recovered from the stroke she had in '00 she hopes to one day make a trip back to SBC. She is active and eager for a fun outing. The Louisville orchestra is one of her favorites and so is trying new restaurants.

Elaine Krause Anderson: is moving to a retirement apartment in the fall, still in sun city west, playing golf twice a week—18 holes. Her son is still a missionary in Kenya. Her daughter lives in Scottsdale, AZ. She has 2 great-grandchildren.

Joyce Livermore Foust: "My news is pretty much a repeat. We're still able to enjoy our rest of 2 months away from the cold each winter in AL on the gulf coast, then 2 months in Ann Arbor near family and old friends, then 6 months of our northern MI lake home: then back for holidays in AL before we go south again. Our real news is that our granddaughter is to be married to a super guy in Aug. and wearing my wedding gown, 60 years later!

Mia Hecht Owens: Mia lost her husband, Neil last Nov. She says life is pretty lonely; however she is planning a trip to Europe on Aug. 14th with her 23-year-old granddaughter. They plan to go to Salzburg for the music festival and on to northern Italy.

Mary Kathryn Fry Hemphill: "I am well despite and because of some joint replacements. My activities still include church choir-attending concerts. Meeting for lunch with h.s. friends, but chiefly enjoying my children and grandchildren—and my sister Ruth Deston '54. Thank you for holding '45ers together."

Mary Symes Anderson: "Forty years ago, in 1966, we came over Independence pass. Caravanned through Aspen and proceeded to Woody Creek, 8 miles on down the road, bag and baggage, all 5 children in the car. Angies driving in the passenger seat with the family silver on my lap this year we are celebrating the anniversary of our move."

Esther Cunningham Shay: "As you know I live in Blue Hill, ME at parker

ridge—a retirement community. I'm active on the board here; still spend the summer at our house on the ocean at oak point in Trenton, ME. I have just acquired a great-granddaughter who unfortunately for us lives in CA. Bob died 7 years ago but we had a wonderful life together—my 3 sons and families all live on the east coast, so that is great—best to you."

Ellen Gray Wilson: My husband and I live in a retirement community here and stay fairly occupied—we have 3 children and 5 grandchildren in WA. I'm still interested in hearing about SBC. My 1st roommate there was **Edith Farr Elliott** and 2nd roommate was **Betty Lou Girts**. I don't know if "Boo" is still living. Edith died some time ago. My main job here is interviewing newcomers and introducing them to the community. My husband and I are in good health and enjoy hiking the area. We get outside everyday. I love to think of the beauty at SBC.

Frances Estes Seibels: "I'm sorry that I am very poor at keeping up with classmates. Buzz and I are very lucky to still be able to attend graduations, weddings etc. of our grandchildren and travel a bit, summer in Canada as we have done for 50 years. Always love to hear about friends from Sweet Briar but never do anything about it. Thank you for trying to keep us in touch."

Antoinette LeBris Maynard: She like many of us has had a few physical problems and is still limping. "However I try to see the children who seem to be scattered from one end of the country to the other. I now live near Carol and family near Erie, PA. I just spent a few weeks with Libby in Eureka, CA. I will join Carol and Joe who are going to Amer. U. to see their daughter Claire, and will spend a couple of weeks with son, Philip in McLean, VA at the Ashby bldg.

Anne "Dickie" Dickson Waldrop: Anne lives happily in Salem, VA with her husband of 18 months, Luke Waldrop. She brought him to Reunion last year. They have 9 children, 19 grandchildren and 2 greats. "Dickie" as always brings fun and joy to everyone especially at Reunion. "There are several birthdays every month and it is difficult to keep up, but we are managing. We went to Belgium last Feb. to a wedding. Luke and family kept a foreign student her senior year in h.s. here in Salem. They have been very close through the years and her daughter got married. We spent the night in a castle where the reception was and it was quite an experience. Then we did some traveling in France. We are going back again in Aug. as the son is

getting married and they want us to come back for his wedding, so we will go. Who knows where we'll end up this time! We manage to get to Virginia Beach now and then, but we live here most of the time. Reunion was great. Loved seeing you and everybody. Luke had a good time, too."

Ann Gladney Gibson's daughter keeps in touch with me via e-mail. Ann Kiecke writes mother tussled with a vine on the fence whilst enjoying the beautiful weather on Super Bowl Sunday and the vine won when it snapped, sending her to the pavement. After a long wait at the ER, she finally learned she had a broken hip and had to have it replaced. After 3 weeks of hospital hospitality, she is finally at home and getting around just fine but slowly with a walker, ahead of schedule, according to the therapist who oversees her exercises several times a week. Next week we get back on the chemo schedule. So far, this year has been another "annus horribilis."

1946

Mary Vandeventer Saunders
955 Harpersville Rd
Newport News, VA 23601-1085

1947

Linda McKoy Stewart
18 Osprey Lane, Rumson, NJ
lmckstewart@comcast.net
Reunion 2007: May 18-20, 2007

"As you prepare to bloom/do you compare yourself/ to the shy crocus/ that first life/ breaking through winter's/ debris? Or do you envy/ the dancing limbs/ and blowsy blossoms of the peony/ as it pirouettes/ in the breeze?/ Your early buds pinched back,/ in summer only green leaves compete/ with the ever blooming/ marigolds, zinnias,/ and petunias. Now that autumn/ is here, do you fret/ that frost will/ interrupt your flowering?"

"Late Chrysanthemums" is one of 69 poems that appear in a collection entitled *She Done What She Could*, by **Katharine Weisiger Osborne**, published in '02 by the Pure Heart Press of Charlotte, NC. It would be hard to find a more delightful hour or two of thoughtful reading than can be had with this charming collection. In '04 Katharine followed up with a 200-page book of essays, *A Heap of Sun & Shadow* under the same imprint. To order either of Katharine's books and/or to

have an interesting browse, go to www.MainStreetRag.com. It's an imaginative, thoroughly original Web site. For 15 years Katharine has been a columnist for the *Salisbury Post*. Judging from the 2 above-mentioned books, it's evident that the *Salisbury Post* is fortunate to claim her among its contributors.

From Issaquah, WA, **Margaret Dawson Hellyer** also reports that an agent has accepted her newly completed novel, *The Persimmon Tree* and is circulating the manuscript in "the mysterious world of publishing." That interval between acceptance by an agent and a YES from a publisher is undoubtedly the most exciting; most nerve wracking chunk of time a writer will ever endure. Stay tuned and with luck our next class bulletin will carry glad news of its forthcoming pub. date.

News of **Maria Tucker Bowerfind's** funeral arrives from **Joan McCoy Edmunds**, courtesy of **Mary Stuart McGuire Gilliam**. Maria died Jan. 16, '06 and as Stu reminds us, "a Yankee wedding can't hold a candle to a good VA funeral." The church, says Stu, was packed with family and friends and the service was followed by a glorious feast of celebration. There were scads of grandchildren, tears of course but also plenty of laughter as loving memories of Maria's remarkable life was exchanged by young and old alike. Also attending the service was **Liz Ripley Davis**, who, also according to Stu, "looks well and happy."

Wenlian Jenkins Stallings in Moorestown, NJ continues her enthusiastic research in genealogy but still finds plenty of time to spend with her granddaughter, Victoria (14). One daughter, a special education teacher lives nearby and Pam, another daughter, recently moved to Springfield, IL where her husband is pastor of the First Presbyterian Church. Rumor has it that she was in the UK for Sulgrave Day; celebrated at the manor house that was the home of George Washington's ancestors. It's a grand occasion with maypole dancing, parades, speeches and, if luck holds out, plenty of English sunshine.

From **Carol Blanton McCord** in Cockeysville, MD comes word that she still travels regularly to New England to visit 2 sons and a daughter and still has a 2nd home in New London, NH. It's a lot of driving which doesn't faze Carol and she extends an invitation to all to visit her either in MD or NH. Carol's diligence that served our class so long and so well as class secretary is much missed,

especially at this time of year when the call goes forth to send in your news.

My own news is spectacularly uninteresting. I get into NYC quite often. Saw Alan Bennett's *The History Boys* and loved it. Went on a press trip to Malaysia in May and loved that too. In May '05 I had a complete knee replacement and after 6 months or so I was quite pain free in a knee that was quirky all the way back to when I was playing left wing under Miss Appleby's gimlet eye at SBC. This time around each of us who has e-mail was asked whether we should or should not abolish the Electoral College. The returns were divided evenly 50/50 so I guess we better not expect any dramatic changes in the near future!

Finally, a reminder that the Alumnae Office has finally moved into the 21st century with a Web site by which we can track down a classmate, get her address, telephone and e-mail. Go to www.alumnae.sbc.edu. Click on Banner Self Service. It requires a bit of juggling getting up and running with it, but once established with your entry name and password, it does indeed work very well. Each of us was sent a mailing in Jan. '06 describing the Web site.

1948

Mrs. David P. McCallie
Maddin Lupton McCallie
1508 Edgewood Circle
Chattanooga, TN 37405-2435
dmccallie@comcast.net

1949

Catherine "Bunny" Barnett Brown
4 Pippins Way
Convent Station, NJ, 07961
bunnybrown@msn.com

From the midst of settling into a new home and working to improve use of my 2 new knees, your class secretary has gathered some notes for the fall issue of the *Alumnae Magazine*.

Walter and I have been trying to get rid of many things we either can't accommodate or shouldn't keep, which I know many of you are also doing. Our new townhouse (see address, above) is in The Moore Estate, which is where Bishop Paul Moore grew up; we have quite a few old friends here, which is pleasant. Our children insisted upon moving us from the old house to the new one while we were in FL, but there is still a lot left for us to

do and I don't know where anything is!

Walter was honored recently at Princeton, being made an honorary member of the class of 1946 during their 60th reunion. This was the class of his late twin brother Charlie, so now Walter can hang a tiger banner alongside his SBC one...and a Yale bulldog, too, of course.

Don and **Mary Fran Ballard Brown** were on campus last spring for Reunion and enjoyed a special tour of Sweet Briar House guided by President Betsy Muhlenfeld and husband Larry.

Larry Lawrence Simmons and Charles are taking a 2nd AK cruise this summer, since their 1st one was a solid week of rain. They are excited that their granddaughter has a play, titled "Strings," to be produced Off Broadway in Dec.

Another class grandchild hitting the big time is Tom Hagan, **Alice Trout Hagan's** eldest, who has just signed with the Pittsburgh Pirates. Alice has enjoyed watching him play in Charlottesville, and on one occasion met a cousin of **Dot Rouse Bottom's** who recalled attending May Day on campus when Dot was our queen.

Sally Melcher Jarvis had a cheerful note from **Beth Jansma Gorter** explaining that she really has the normal quota of legs, though she has in actual fact had a total of 5 hips! It's nice to hear her spirit after losing Kaspar several months ago.

Mary Louis Stevens Webb also sadly lost dear Rutledge last spring, and a month or so later gained a daughter-in-law as young Rutledge was married. Stevie is living in Bishop Gadsden Retirement Village, along with **Goodie Geer DiRaddo** and several other Charleston friends and Briarites.

Alice Dulaney Sheridan is still working at All South Realty in FL. She went to the Spoleto/Charleston festival and plans to visit her sister in Florence during the summer. She was especially saddened by the death of her former roommate, **Nell Boushall Steed** after a fall.

I had a wonderful chat with **Pat Brown Boyer** the other day (June) and heard about her new and 1st grandson. Nicolas Robert Boyer, who attended the graduation of his mother, Pat's daughter-in-law, from the Kellogg Executive School of Business at Northwestern U. as Pat looked on proudly. Earlier last spring, Pat enjoyed a tour of Austria and the Czech Republic.

Gene and **Preston Hodges Hill** manage to enjoy life in Denver and

Aspen despite Gene's ongoing chemo therapy and Preston's propensity to slip occasionally on the icy patches.

They may have a visit during the summer from Yorke and **Ann Henderson Bannard**, who were planning an auto trip to visit several friends during the summer. Ann was recently the subject of news coverage in Tucson when she exhibited a number of her art works, this time giant bugs made from PVC pipe. They are amazing and the photos of tiny Ann with these huge bugs are charming. If you use a computer, go to *Arizona Daily Star* and search for "Conduit Creatures" in their archives.

Kitty Hart Belew's daughter was married last winter, and she tells me she and **Mag Towers Talman** went to SBC recently for a lecture and enjoyed staying in the Garden Cottage. Mag is living at Westminster Canterbury in Richmond, along with **Carolyn Casey Lindemann** and **Libby Trueheart Harris**.

Judy Baldwin Waxter called from WV where she and Bill were enjoying a stay at their mountain hideaway. They continue to work on environmental issues, now primarily the widespread use of insecticides.

June Eager Finney is about to complete her project of painting portraits of all of her grandchildren, now just one to go. These will certainly be family treasures. June's grandchildren are working their way through various colleges and she enjoyed graduation at UVA this spring, a nostalgic journey.

1950

Patricia Halloran Salvadori
9 N. Stratford Road
Arlington Heights, IL 60004-6521
marsalva@aol.com

1951

Mary C. Emery Barnhill
2 Borquine Way
Bluffton, SC 29909-6557
RMB@ISLC.NET

1952

Mrs. William E. Katz
Martha Legg Katz
11 Sunset Rd
Weston, MA 02493-1623
marthakatz30@aol.com
Reunion 2007: May 18-20, 2007

1953

Isabel Grayson Parish
685 Diamond Head Drive South
Pinehurst, NC 28374
havner@ac.net

1954

Constance Bruce Watts Krucke
7352 Toogoodoo Road
Yonges Island, SC 29449-6006
b.krucke@hughes.net

1955

Kathryn Beard
1074 Zanzibar Lane
Plymouth, MN 55447
kbeard3283@aol.com

A quick note for the fall issue! Our Apr. mini-reunion was a great success. 5 of us met in Charlotte, NC for a long weekend. **Didi Stoddard**, **Fritz Merriman Naylor**, **Ginger Chamblin Greene**, **Amanda McThenia Iodice** and I stayed at the Ramada Inn and enjoyed a very special reunion with Dr. Sidney Freeman. It had been 55 years since we had seen him and he had scarcely changed a bit. We were grayer than he! We met his lovely wife, ate at his favorite restaurant and were shown his beautiful city. We were all very glad we had come! Watch for the post card enclosure in the winter *Alumnae Magazine* and send me your tidbits!

1956

Martha "Macie" Clay Nichols
3928 Old Brownsboro Road
Louisville, KY 40207
macnich@bellsouth.net

Meredith Smyth Grider
1307 Killiney Place
Louisville, KY 40207
mgrider761@aol.com

Macie and Meredith have left SBC behind and are reflecting, on our way to Louisville, about the beautiful campus and wonderful 50th Reunion we enjoyed over the Memorial Day weekend. This was a special one for those of us who represented the "spirit of 56" as we renewed friendships and blended the old memories with the new surrounding of the campus. It has changed since

our day; lovely new buildings and areas different than we knew for meals, classes and the essentials such as the post office and the bookstore. There are changes every place and there seem to be few restrictions. But that is just the tip of the iceberg... **Nancy St. Clair Tall** summed it up for the gathered assembly with her remarks which are quoted below. Sweet Briar put on a wonderful party and the weather was perfect which meant the campus looked and felt beautiful. At the convocation President Muhlenfeld and several professors discussed the curriculum changes and the expansion of areas of study which now allows for the freedom and responsibility of designing a course of study as well as openness between faculty and students. Lots of new and exciting programs that are enhanced by the new buildings and it was an amazing experience to see it all. At the convocation the Reunion classes announced the results of their fund raising efforts and we were the stars. Out class raised \$72,458 under the leadership of **Barbara Clinton** and her hard working committee. And we sang songs from out senior play which had been directed by **Ruth Phillips** and written by **Nancy St. Clair** and **Ella Prince Trimmer** with music by **Julie Jackson**. These songs were from "The Virgins of Menace" with an updated verse written by Nancy to fill in the 50 years since. Those of you who could not attend would have been proud of their efforts on stage in '06. We had fun!

Excerpt from our Senior Play: "Most of you can't imagine what it was like/ Before the Pill or any readily available contraceptive, Before Equal Pay for Equal Work/ Before something like NOW and ERA was as ridiculous an idea as a real man on the moon/ Before anyone came out of the closet, much less a bishop of the Episcopal Church/ Before your father glowed with pride if you spoke of graduate school, medical or law school/ Before you ever heard the four-letter words some children use on the playground. In addition, here's what it was like, "Nice girls were good girls from prudence or fear at least as often as from virtue/ The glass ceiling was also a glass door through which only nurses, teachers, and secretaries entered/ The unmarried were old maids at 23 and pitiable at 30/ Most fathers, given a choice, would rather have a MRS than an AB for his SB tuition."

It was in this culture that **Ella Prince Trimmer** wrote the book, and **Julia Jackson**, with **Anne Greer**, wrote the

music for our senior show. "The Virgins of Menace," based loosely on "The Merchant of Venice" (think Kiss me, Kate), spoofed us all, recognizing that we were as smart as our brothers and boyfriends with as rigorous an education—often a better one. Anne went on to 5 piano recitals and concerts. We dedicate this reprise to Prince, who in a very full life received an MA at Yale, became a well known scholar of American art, particularly that of the South, and turned down a request to head the history of art department here in order to bring up her daughters full-time, and Julie, whose untimely death left us her wit, her talent, and her unfulfilled potential.

Sadly, we must also report, **Joyce Fackiner Bliss** passed away on June 14th. Julie Bliss Chan, her daughter, shared with us that Joyce debated about making the long trip this past May from NJ to attend her 50th Reunion and decided to come! Julie was so relieved that she came to campus and that she got to see her Sweet Briar friends before she passed away. Julie's contact information is: Julie Bliss Chan, 3 Deer Hill Road, Chester, NJ 07930/ 908-879-3825 if you would like to contact her.

1957

Carol Young McMurtry
10 Woodstone Sq
Austin, TX 78703
carol@curnon.net
Reunion 2007: May 18-20, 2007

1958

Jane Shipman Kuntz
222 Irving Ave
Dayton, OH 45409-2405
jskuntz@erinet.com

1959

Mary Ballou Handy Ballentine
6317 Three Chopt Rd
Richmond, VA 23226-3134
MBallouB@aol.com

1960

Lura Coleman Wampler
Little Place Farm
1406 Thomas Rd
Wayne, PA 19087-1318
lcwampler@comcast.net

1961

Bette Hutchins Sharland
1724 Aberdeen Circle
Crofton, MD 21114-1618
thefrogghall@att.net

10 members of the Class of 1961 assembled at the pavillion by the pool at Brad and **Bee Newman Thayer's** farm, Kenmore, Saturday afternoon, May 27. **Winifred Storey Davis** began by saluting the 4 co-chairmen of the class fundraising committee, **Mary Cosby Rinehart**, **Willia Fales Eckenburg**, **Mary Denny Scott Wray** and **Celia Williams Dunn**. Our class far exceeded its goal by giving \$115,000., and had 63% participation.

There was a discussion about increasing communication within the class by getting e-mail addresses for more classmates. Saying that the class needs someone with a sense of humor, Winifred nominated **Louise Cobb Boggs** to be our president for the next 5 years. Everyone was glad when she accepted. **Bette Hutchins Sharland** will continue to need classmates' help in getting together class notes and sharing news. The 5 fundraising chairs agreed to continue their good work for our 50th ReUnion gift.

Celia Williams Dunn recommended the Friends of Art as a worthy organization. Funds given to these Friends are usually used for acquisitions, particularly contemporary women artists' work on paper. If art is donated, it carries no strings as to the College's use of it. Celia also mentioned that the Anne Gary Pannell Gallery needs to be fitted with climate control. She added that the new "arts barn" is an interesting and fun place to visit on campus. A notable effort to maintain and beautify the campus is on-going, using low-maintenance plants.

Looking ahead to our 50th ReUnion and our class's skit during Convocation, Winifred mentioned that **Catherine Caldwell Cabaniss** had contributed a lot to our Senior Show. Louise demonstrated a fine recall of some of the songs from that triumph.

Meeting adjourned.
 Those present included **Winifred Storey Davis**, **Louise Cobb Boggs**, **Willia Fales Eckerberg**, **Jane Garst Lewis**, **Judy Greer Schultz**, **Bette Hutchins Sharland**, **Bee Newman Thayer**, **Mary Denny Scott Wray**, **Margaret Storey Wasson**, and **Celia Williams Dunn**. Excused were **Babs Childrey Fowler**, on her way back to her

3 Calvins, and **Mary Cosby Rinehart**, who was making the longest drive of the afternoon at the Alumnae Golf Tournament.

At the morning Convocation, President Muhlenfeld described current programs of the College, and assured us that Sweet Briar's Master of Education program has graduated 3 men, one wearing "long hair and a skirt (kilt)". Our Class was presented an award for having made the largest ReUnion Gift Ever at a 45th ReUnion (as we did at our 25th ReUnion). The "Virgins of Menace", the Class of '56, were out in force, and the class of '46 was presented.

Mary Denny called our attention to **Molly Haskell Sarris'** regular commentary before the Turner Classic Movies, which Judy got on a hospitality room television. Staff had festooned the pool table (!) in our hospitality room with crepe paper. At the Saturday dinner, we pushed 2 tables together outside, and enjoyed great food and informal conversation through a lovely spring evening. A Sunday highlight was the comparison of knee surgery scars by 3 of us who continue to step lively.

1962

Parry Ellice Adam
33 Pleasant Run Rd.
Flemington, N.J. 08822
908-782-3754
Momad1@patmedia.net
Reunion 2007: May 18-20, 2007

Bettye Thomas Chambers and Al returned to DC after 2 ½ years in England where they saw many SBC alumnae passing through. Their stay overlapped with that of **Adele Vogel Harrell** and Parker who lived there for much of the same time. Bettye's favorite "club affiliation" is the Movie Group in Lynchburg where she regularly sees **Jocelyn Palmer Connors** and **Mina Walker Wood**, as well as Betty Forsyth Harris '60 and world-famous author Jessica Bemis Ward '63.

Beverly Smith Bragg Jeans, "After 8+ years of widowhood, I remarried. His name is John Jeans and he had also lost his spouse Pat, one of my closest friends, to cancer. He and I had also been co-teaching an adult Sunday school class together. **Sally Bumbaugh** was the 1st person to know about our engagement which was to be announced to a group of friends at a house party in South Carolina. **Ann Henry Lake** was the first one to call

after our announcement. I had given Sally my permission to tell her.

Last year in Baja I had become interested in whales, and this Jan. John joined me for a whale watching Elderhostel in Maui. In Mar. we visited (on the phone) in Houston Scotty Brice Griffey (and in person) in Corpus the Mitchell Wommacks (Barbara Ballard) and in route to John's place at South Padre Island. We had a terrific visit with Pres and Jan Oneal Gould in early Apr. (a visit we have usually had every spring when she returned to AL on business) & this is the reason for my note at this time. Jan died of a massive stroke on June 23. Just a few months before her arteries had checked out fine. I am devastated. Our 2 families go back 4 generations. In order to collect all of her family from England and Australia, the memorial service will not be held until Aug. 22. John and I honeymooned in Central Europe. We are both music lovers—and he knows music—so Vienna, Prague, Budapest and particularly Salzburg in Mozart's 250th anniversary year—made sense. No other big trips this year, but a series of small ones. He loves to travel too!!

Eleanor "Sue" Smith Benisch has returned to Ithaca after many years in NYC and is enjoying a real estate career. She would love to hear from anyone in that area. Her phone is 607-257-7537.

I will be peppering you with information and ideas for our own Reunion next year. If you have any comments now, please speak up. All input is most welcome.

News from the home front: our daughter Aubrey '89 and Jim had a baby boy on June 13 to join Eva (4 ½) in Duxbury MA.

Virginia "Ginger" Borah Slaughter: "I moved to Highlands, NC over 4 years ago and am having a wonderful, fruitful time here in this lovely mountain community. Serving on the town's Planning Board, chairing the board's free health clinic we launched 6 months ago, working with a steering committee to develop a park downtown, and singing with the Presbyterian choir. Life is full and I love it!

1963

Allie Stemmons Simon
3701 Guadalajara Court
Irving, Texas 75063
asimontc@comcast.net

Wedding bells seem a good way to start! **Judy Johnson Varn Hays** writes that in Feb., '06, after 5 years as a fairly content widow, she married Spurgeon Hays who swept her off her feet in a 9 month courtship! Spurgeon is a retired Episcopal priest. They are living in Atlanta where all 4 children and 6 grandchildren are located, and spend time in north GA at their lake house. Judy says "Life is good!" **Mary Lou Morton Seilheimer** says now that both children are married her special interests are gardening, the Boys and Girls Club of Orange (VA) and the Garden Club of VA for which she has just become Chairman of the Restoration Committee, a big 2 year commitment.

Karen Gill Meyer reports that since she and Jim love what they do at Smith Barney they have decided not to retire but took on a partner, a former classmate of their son's. Karen's big news is that she will be going on the Sweet Briar Board of Directors in July. **Carol Crowley Karm** didn't last long in retirement—she has launched her own business, Carol Karm Communications, creating marketing, public relations, corporate communication and Web content material—and says she wishes she'd done it a long time ago. **Ann Funkhouser Strite-Kurz** e-mailed from her son's house in San Jose, CA where she was visiting before doing a west coast teaching tour in needlework. Afterward Bill will join her for some leisure time on the Russian River and in San Francisco. Ann is working on her 5th self-published needlework book. **Katherine Haskell Subramanian** has completed training to become a Habitat Steward through the National Wildlife Federation, learning how to create wildlife-friendly places using native plants as much as possible. Her yard has been certified as a Wildlife Habitat and she says one of her joys is finding the critters who take refuge there. Katherine also travels and sings with the Norristown Chorale.

Lots of travel! **Jane Goodridge** and George loved transiting the Panama Canal on *Seabourn* last Feb. and met some friends of Ginger and Ed Mitchell on board. Jane said seeing the Canal was an amazing experience and recommends David McCullough's *The Path Between the Sea* to deepen appreciation of it. **Ann**

Knickerbocker McCulloch reports that '06 has a Middle Eastern flavor for her. After she completed her 2nd semester, 2nd year Hebrew, Bill took her to a Middle Eastern country where they taught English with a Non-Governmental Agency. **Barby Rockefeller Bartlett** and John were fortunate to travel to China with a small group led by Dr. William Wu in Jan. They saw parts of the country most people do not have an opportunity to see. Barby says, "What an amazing study in contrasts. What an amazing country!" Barby and John have 2 married sons and 3 grandchildren, all in the DC area. **Julia Arnold Morey** and Russ will leave their new home in Lewes, DE, this summer to travel to Nova Scotia, take 2 granddaughters to Williamsburg, and go to the Outer Banks in Aug. and to Yellowstone and the Grand Tetons in Sept. **Betty Stanly Cates** will be taking another Mediterranean cruise on *Sea Cloud II* in Sept. then has rented **Valerie Elbrick's** apartment in Paris for a week. Betty saw **Gini Joachim Baldwin** in May when she was in Vero Beach visiting her mother and they had lunch with **Nancy Caldwell Briggs**.

Prue Gay Stuhr sends "family news"—she and Ed have welcomed twin grandsons and Prue says "I thought that infant care would remain one of life's mysteries to me but I have experienced it!" Ed's eldest daughter, Heidi, was married in May. Prue also enjoys training their Dalmatian, Cole, to be a "good companion at home." **Maxine Tichenor Green**, having finished work on her Georgian house in London, has taken up piano playing again. She stays busy with charity committees and fund raising events and was anticipating a 'musical evening' at her home, a benefit for one of the charities. **Lynn Carol Blau** and Jeffrey enjoy the company of their daughter, Alexandra, and her husband in NY and travel frequently to Las Vegas to see daughter Elizabeth, her husband Kim, and their only grandson, Cole. **Lea Osborne Angell's** daughter, Jessica, completed her M.A. in Literature at Harvard and 2 months later married Sean Moore, an English professor at the U. of NH. Oldest daughter Jennifer is the mother of 3, son Jake has entered the family business and youngest daughter Sarah is in the sailing industry in Newport, RI. Lea says she and Jack talk about retirement but have come to no conclusions although they are enlarging their summer house and planning to spend more time there. **Barbara Sullivan Wanamaker** isn't

thinking of retirement—she likes selling real estate too much—but says it is scary to think of signing up for Medicare and deciding when to take Social Security. Her son Dave is now a real estate agent in NY, daughter Amy is the mother of 2 with a 3rd expected in Nov., and youngest daughter, Laura, married her French chef last summer and is living in Forest Hills.

Beach reunions are popular! **Marta Sweet Colangelo** had a great long weekend at Sanderling, NC, with **Susan Terjen Bernard** and **Betsy Flanders Spencer**. **Sue Jones Cansler** and Chuck completed their move to St. Simon's Island in Dec. and hosted **Ginger Cates Mitchell**, **Lyn Clark Pegg** and **Laura Lee Brown Wilson** in May. Lots of talk about the restorations **Laura Lee** and **Steve** are doing in Louisville and **Ginger** and **Ed's** "extraordinary" trip to southern Africa last winter with **Cecil Collins Scanlan** and her husband. **Betty McDonald McCutchen** and **Joe** enjoy their 6 grandchildren who are spread from Atlanta to Raleigh and are spending more time at Sea Island now that the renovations there are completed.

I had a fun visit with **Sallie Yon Williams** in Apr. She joined my sister-in-law, Jean, and me in Richmond where we were visiting family. Since then Sallie has been to Seville, Spain, to plan the Sept. wedding of her son Courtney and his bride-to-be, Nazli, and has spent time with her older son, Whit, and his 3+ year-old-daughter Allegra in MD. She goes to Verbier, Switzerland, to the music festival, in July then back to Spain for the wedding! The same time we were in Richmond so were **Keitt Matheson Wood** and **Frank** who were visiting **Lucy Boyd Lemon Edmunds** and **Hugh** for Garden Week. We didn't even know we were in the same place, worse luck! Keitt and Frank also enjoyed seeing **Anne Carter Brothers** and **John** at Hilton Head during the Vanderbilt Orthopedic Meeting. I will catch up with the Woods in July when they travel to CA with their daughter, Helen, celebrating her 40th birthday, then return by way of Snowmass, CO, to check out our new house. **Lee Kucewicz Parham** and **John** just returned from their nephew's wedding in Colorado Springs and are planning a trip to Chataqua in western NY then Lee will spend some time in Quebec in Aug., immersing herself in French before school starts. She will again be teaching 7th and 8th grade French at GPS which she loves. Jean and I followed up our Richmond visit with a short stay in Lynchburg with **Lisa Wood**

and **Pete**. Lisa gave one of her fabulous dinner parties including **Jocelyn Palmer Connors '62** and **Tom** (former Vice President of Administration at SBC) and **Ken White** with whom I served on the Sweet Briar Board. There were lots of good stories that night! **Heinz** and I are off on July 1, complete with cat and dog, to spend the rest of the summer in Snowmass and continue fixing up the new house. Anybody in the neighborhood is welcome!

1964
Virginia "Ginny" DeBuys
H16 Shirley Lane
Lawrenceville, NJ 08648
gdebuys@comcast.net

Anne Little Poulet, Director of The Frick Collection in NYC, was recently elected to the distinguished membership of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences, Cambridge, MA in recognition of her achievements as a scholar and museum professional. Anne is one of 175 new Fellows and 20 new Foreign Honorary Members. Those elected include 2 former Presidents of the United States; the Chief Justice of the United States; a Nobel laureate; winners of the Pulitzer Prize in poetry, drama, music, investigative reporting, and non-fiction; a former US poet laureate; and a member of the French Senate. Founded in 1780 by John Adams, James Bowdoin, John Hancock and other scholar-patriots, the Academy has elected as Fellows and Foreign Honorary Members the finest minds and most influential leaders from each generation, including George Washington and Ben Franklin in the eighteenth century, Daniel Webster and Ralph Waldo Emerson in the nineteenth, and Albert Einstein and Winston Churchill in the twentieth. The current membership includes more than 170 Nobel laureates and 50 Pulitzer Prize winners. An independent policy research center, the Academy undertakes studies of complex and emerging problems. Current Academy research focuses on science and global security; social policy; the humanities and culture; and education. For the complete announcement and information on the Academy, go to <http://www.amacad.org/news/new2006.aspx>. Congratulations, Anne!

1965
Sally Hubbard
52 Sherwood Trail
Sewanee TN 37375-2166
sally@hubbard.net

Judy Howe Behn is celebrating the birth of her 1st grandchild, Alexander Dietrich Behn, to son Mark and his wife Liz on Apr. 15th (handy date to remember). Luckily they live only an hour and a half away so they get together often. Bob and Judy had a fabulous trip to Scotland where they took a walking tour around the small islands off the western coast including Mull, Kerrera, Iona, and Staffa islands. Their wonderful guides were also singers who regaled them with Scottish music in the evenings. They're still enjoying Boston.

Eugenia Dickey Caldwell writes from San Francisco that she completed a 5-week benchmark for a customer, with 12-hour days the norm. She and Peter are looking forward to their annual birding trip to Mt. Lassen with the Audubon Society. They walked in the Bay to Breakers 12K as always: nudity was down, drunk 20-somethings were up, and the costumes were better than ever. Mardi Gras, San Francisco style. Weekends include birding, the wonderful SF Ballet, good local theatre, and a great exhibit for the Earthquake Centennial Celebration.

Mimi Vogt Macht is doing well in Hood River. Both sons are married—Madison in '04 and Marlow in '05. Mimi skis, rides her bike, hikes, teaches German and SAT prep, and does freelance editing. She had a wonderful visit with beloved roommate Beth in May.

Libba Hanger Luther regrets missing our 40th Reunion and is looking forward to the 45th. She and Steve are enjoying Winter Springs, FL. Two of her 3 children are married; Christina has 3 little boys and is expecting a 4th in the fall. Christina and Tommy love Larchmont, NY. Steve and his wife Severine are practicing law in Orlando; and Elizabeth is in real estate in Atlanta. Aline, Elvira, Alice, and Libba enjoyed a mini-suitemate reunion in May.

Beth Hunt has changed her e-mail to bhunt5425@comcast.net so delete your aol record for her.

Brooke Patterson Koehler is in San Diego, enjoying her re-married life immensely. Her travels with Dan are only limited by their aging dog, who has a full range of maladies but perks up and jumps 3 feet in the air if one

mentions or spells "w a l k." Highlights of the past year include 2 trips to India, where Brooke's younger son Andrew is teaching. They traveled for 21 days with a TCS Expeditions group by private jet from London and back, and all over India. Andrew protested at the Taj Mahal—why should foreigners pay an admission fee of \$17 when locals pay 17 cents? They celebrated his 30th birthday in the Thar Desert with a sunset camel ride and starlight dinner.

Juliet Young Hancock reports 2 weddings and a college graduation. Her youngest, Pam, graduated from Ohio U. in June and will move to Germany where her husband (West Point, '05) has been assigned. Juliet and husband Roger are truly empty-nested and moved to a Chicago suburb last summer, after his entire department of several hundred was laid off by Kodak. Roger is now in a cancer research project at the U. of IL. Juliet is a volunteer ESL tutor, and helps low-income seniors prepare their taxes; she monitors the diets of a diabetic cat and an allergic pooch. Juliet's daughter and her husband moved from Cleveland to Houston last year and live in The Woodlands.

Katharine Weinrich van Geel will continue her tax work, but is approaching a new stage of life when her husband Tyl retires at the end of '06 after 34 years of teaching at the U. of Rochester.

Mary Pederson Kyger announces the arrival of her 4th grandchild/1st granddaughter, Kate. Her son Ross served in Iraq, completed his Marine service in May, and will receive his degree in Business in Dec.

Saralyn McAfee Smith started volunteering at church 3 mornings/week when her granddaughter Sierra started kindergarten; she also made and hosts the church Web site. Her husband Hamp is enjoying semi-retirement, and fills in for a Special Education Co-op as a Speech Pathologist. After cataract surgery Saralyn can see 20/20 without glasses and is ecstatic. Last fall she and Hamp took their 1st vacation without kids or grandkids in more than 20 years—a fall foliage drive through WY, MT, ND, SD, MN, WI and MI.

Helen Scribner Euston is pleased that **Molly Sutherland Gwinn** joined her on the SBC Friends of Art board; Molly is "virtually unchanged except for a few gray hairs but many fewer than mine."

Charles and I had a tour of **Laura Haskell Pinizy's** beautifully enlarged and remodeled home—such a kitchen—2 dishwashers!—in Apr. on the way

to my 45th h.s. reunion in Charleston. Daughters Louise and Laura with husband Keith joined them in Charleston for a family wedding in May. Daughter Laura is expecting "Twinkies" as Keith calls them around Nov. 13th. Marion has 2 sons: Wesley (1) is walking; Stewart turned 3 in May.

Marianne Micros's book of poems, *Seventeen Trees*, was published in June. Congratulations, Marianne. A well-rounded life: teaching belly dancing, English literature, and creative writing.

After **Betsy Benoit Hoover** finished her 3-year-term on the Vestry at St. John's Episcopal Cathedral in Denver, she and her husband moved to smaller St. Andrews. It seems that all aspects of her life revolve around non-profit organizations. She is very busy on the Board of Hep C Connection as they negotiate a critical point in our history, and her very interesting career as a psychotherapist continues with Samaritan Counseling Center (soon to be called Centus). Betsy's daughter had a 2nd baby daughter in Nov., '05 (the 1st was born in July, '04). She loves being a grandmother and hopes Melinda and Eric will move from Iowa City to Denver. Eric has a gourmet chocolate business (www.bochnerchocolates.com)—yum!—and is looking for a window in his business activity when he can move. Step-daughter Sandy is pregnant, due in Oct., '06. She lives in London, even further away. Betsy sees **Jane Merkle Borden** frequently.

Betty Boswell Athey's new e-mail is eathey@cox.net. Betty is still a Unit Dir. at the Kansas Neurological Institute. Her husband is in private practice in Topeka specializing in forensic and neurological psychology. She plans to retire in a couple of years, but thinks Bob will probably work till he drops!

And I have decided to give my all one more time next Sept. to the 175-mile Lone Star Ride Fighting AIDS, in this 25th anniversary year of the epidemic. I've been looking for a bicycle ride/AIDS benefit in the southeast since I moved back a year ago and hope to join one in Raleigh in '07. Since '96, I've crewed 8 rides and ridden 4. Each has been an inexpressible adventure and serendipitously toughened up my body as Mrs. Moehlenkamp's modern dance classes did in the 1960s.

1966

The Rev. Keenan Colton Kelsey
101 Hawthorne Avenue
Larkspur, CA 94939-1305
kkelsey@earthlink.net

1967

Diane Dalton
1014 N Astor St Apt 43
Milwaukee, WI 53202
dbdalton@milwaukeeep.com
Reunion 2007: May 18-20, 2007

1968

Lynne Gardner Detmer
148 Jefferson's Hundred
Williamsburg, VA 23185
Lgdetmer@aol.com

Thanks to all of you who responded to my e-mail requesting news! NOW! Everyone please, please, please send me your e-mail address, even if you think I already have it! Many of you have changed addresses since I last entered the information. If you did not get my request for news in June '06, then I do not have your current listing! Those of you who do not use e-mail, please send me Christmas letters or something which I can use to keep us all up to date!

Barbara Baur Dunlap: "We have 3 of our 5 kids happily married and as Mrs. Bennett says in *Pride and Prejudice* the other 2 "toddling on the brink!" Three "adorable grandchildren" (2 words that just go together) we love having over. And, Charlie and I are having fun taking some trips, shagging golf balls in every direction, and doing charity work. In the not so fun category, we are busy praying for our son Boots in Afghanistan who has had 4 buddies killed in the last few weeks. His darling wife Kirsten is living with our youngest daughter Molly while he is gone for a year. We head to Telluride to get out of the Scottsdale heat for a couple of months of summer. Love to all, Barbara"

Andrea Beerman Sonfield: "My life sounds so boring on paper that I hesitate to reply! I'm just happy that my husband is "healthy" after lots of physical attacks through the years and that the rest of my family is in good shape too. We own a furniture business in Hilton Head and enjoy working in a resort atmosphere. Call if you come to Hilton Head! **Pat Mountrey** lives here also."

Susan Bokan visited 10 minutes away last summer. I hope that we can get together this year! She wrote me, "Curious where you are in the Adirondacks. I was just up at Keene Valley and the great Camps Uncas and Sagamore. Perhaps you are near my stomping grounds. I live in Saratoga Springs which is likely on your way.

Christina Bacchiani Schieffelin was just here visiting. Life is so busy right now in Saratoga where I mostly enjoy the beauty of the horses in their early morning workouts rather than when they race."

Helen Butler Cato: "We do have news. Next month, we will have been living in MA for 12 very happy years. We have, however, sold our old cape and move out at the end of July...almost to the day's anniversary of when we moved in. We arrived with a 14-year-old who went through high school, college (3), and more jobs, boyfriends and cars than I ever had and then moved back to England. She is happily working at London U., taking art courses, playing field hockey and looking after her big sister's south London house. Big sister and her partner are taking 6 months off to travel around the world. We keep track via their blog, e-mail and even telephone. My son Ben moved to Cambridge, MA, last Sept. in time to take his sister's furniture to his new flat and take his sister to the airport. Ben came to live here because his girlfriend is doing her Ph.D. in Boston. Sachiko is Japanese and her visa will run out soon. They are planning to travel in South America and then perhaps to live in Australia. We are planning to move back to England but not quite immediately. We have a friend in Scituate who is responsible for us moving to the South Shore and who did just about everything it takes to find and buy the house we have loved. We have been happier here than we could ever have imagined. However, we have Michael's 4 children and their families in England and the grandchildren are growing up quickly. Our visits to England become more exhausting as we try to fit everyone in and still don't manage to catch up with old friends or my family who live in the Midlands. Moving back, we hope, will allow us more leisurely visits back here and keep us in touch with our newest friends. I think that if I had to find a disappointment in the last 12 years, it would be that I had not managed to reconnect with any Sweet Briar classmates in person. My good friend in Scituate is named Lynne, and it seems

quite wonderful that through you, Lynne, I do have a sense of connection to those 4 years and the many good memories I hold dear. I'll let you know when we have a new home as perhaps people will find their way to England and we can meet there. All the best to all and happy summer wishes to you, Helen"

Percy Clarke Gwinn: "Greetings from the wilds of Jonesport, ME! Don't know if you still want any news and I can't remember when I sent some last but I am SURE it has been a while... Michael and I bought a darling 'cottage' here in Jonesport which overlooks Chandlers Bay and Roque Island...it is 'way down east' but 45 minutes from Bar Harbour ...it is so lovely here and we plan on spending most of the summers and falls here...in between weddings, etc. Libby Harvey and her husband John are to visit us in Sept. Our son William got married last July '05 to Tricia Lyons, a wonderful girl from NY. They were married in Williamsburg at Wren Chapel with the reception at Kingsmill ... even all the families from TX and FL could not believe how HOT and HUMID it was there! William just got his Ph.D. in Immunology from GWU and is now doing a post-doc at Duke where he earned a Master's degree. Tricia is a graduate of GWU Law School and is now studying for the NC bar...they are living in Raleigh. Michael's firm Legg Mason was acquired by Smith Barney so he is now a financial advisor with them but hopes to "retire" in 3 or 4 years... I will then go back to work!!! I have now officially closed my gift business The Beehive after 15 or so years. For my BIG 60th we are going to France...hope all is well with YOU and your family!"

As for my news (**Lynne Gardner Detmer**)...not much is new. Still singing, still making jewelry, still farming in the summer in the Adirondacks and loving all activities. Body complains a little more, and I seem to need a little more time to do tasks than I used to, but, on the other hand, have not had to give up much of importance. No longer play tennis (rebuilt shoulder), don't jump off stone walls or climb trees, etc. (2 lovely metal knees), but still manage to keep very busy in my flower and vegetable gardens, go to trade shows, visit adorable grandchildren and otherwise stay in some sort of "trouble"! Lots of friends and family to keep a smile on my face.

Conover Hunt: "I returned to Hampton, VA, last year, found a little bungalow on the water, and am continuing to consult with museums and historical organizations on a variety of

issues. It is good to be home. I had lunch with **Lizzie Miller Green** and **Randy Brown** in Williamsburg earlier this summer. Also, saw Lizzie and **Janalee Bourne McDonald** in Denver more than a year ago for dinner, when I was there to negotiate an exhibit venue. All seem well. Have a great summer and give me a note to meet for lunch in the Colonial Capital."

Sally Paradise Ingber has lots of news. "Thanks for gathering class news. Our latest family milestone is daughter Katie's graduation from her Stanford Residency program in psychiatry; a change from all the previous ceremonies was having granddaughters Lily and Julia with us. They are the joy of our lives and I'm looking forward to a summer of fun with them. Lily (4 ½) had her 1st golf lesson this week. We should have many happy hours on the practice putting green! I am still keeping my CPA license to stay informed but am not 'working.' This spring I went on a Smith College Alumnae trip to Prague, Budapest and Vienna with sister, Cilla, who is an alumna and found another Sweet Briar sister, Alice Minassian, there with her Smith sister, Garland Mackroth!"

Anne Kinsey Dinan: "We are expecting a granddaughter next month (finally!), and so we have been spending the last several weekends with Kinsey assembling baby furniture in Jackson Heights."

Ann Peterson Griffin: "My life is fabulously dull. There's a new grandchild, Colin, but I overdid it on that subject last time. Just omit me from the newsy column."

Pat Skarda: "I've moved to a condominium in Easthampton, MA 01027 (2 Chantel Court), after renting from Smith College for more years than I care to count. Getting used to having my own property may take some time, but I think I'll be spoiled with air conditioning and all the new appliances. The books, alas, have to wait for the study to be constructed down cellar, but I trust that will be complete before summer is over. So I'm reconstructing my life domestically. My younger brother Greg died at the age of only 50 on Apr. 15. He died in my arms at Baylor Medical Center in Dallas where he went to have a liver transplant. Double pneumonia took him from us. Since Greg was the one to be in Clovis, NM with Dad at the family bank, his death has thrown us all into disarray. I'm still teaching English at Smith College and am loving it."

1969

Nancy Crawford Bent
14 Dopping Brook Road
Sherborn, MA 01770-1049
ascb614@comcast.net

1970

Virginia O. Eldridge Eaton
461 Rittenhouse Boulevard
Jeffersonville, PA 19403-3382
neaton@filenet.com

1971

Ms. Lynne Sprinsky
The Old Smithy
2218 Rt 87 Hwy
Montoursville, PA 17754
lynnespinsky@marykay.com

Mrs. Eugene P. Whetzel
Gale A. Hull Whetzel
2696 Coventry Road
Columbus, OH 43221-3226
gghw1@yahoo.com

1972

Jill Johnson
2012 Wolfrap Oaks Ct
Vienna, VA 22182
jilljohnson@isisllc.us

Mary Heller
3051 Idaho Avenue, #318
Washington, DC 20016-5733
hellerm@mail.nih.gov
Reunion 2007: May 18-20, 2007

Ladies, I bet all of you think that I put the class notes together at the last minute. Old habits die hard and all that stuff. Well, you're right, but not because of my excellence in procrastination. I was actually hoping to hear from more of my wonderful classmates. If you're reading this, you know who you are. You might think no one is interested in what's happening with you. Not so. Think about it. You're reading what other people say because you want to read about them. So, it should be quid pro quo. Shouldn't it? Just what would it take to get you to write? Starting a blog? On Sweet Briar issues? Other relevant issues to SBC grads, of our age. I'm not kidding. Or, would you prefer that I get my act together and send e-mail reminders of the due dates of the notes. (The postcard

reminders are no more, as you've probably realized.) OK, I will. I promise. But, that presumes I have everyone's e-mail address, which I don't. SO SEND THEM TO ME.

Here's a question for you: how many of you still wear your SBC ring? In my case, I certainly would. I like it; it's an icebreaker in business and social situations, especially with other SBC graduates. But, I don't. Know why? I've grown. But, I do know where and how to get it resized. I'M NOT TELLING UNLESS I HEAR FROM YOU AND WHAT YOU KNOW ABOUT OTHER CLASSMATES.

Enough. And, now the news. ...

First, let's hear from a few that I haven't heard from since graduation, or maybe even transfer! **Charla Leonard Reynolds** wrote (good girl!) as soon as she read the last edition of the class notes. Turns out she lives in Culpeper, VA, not so very far from my weekend place in Syria, Madison County, VA. (And, no, we still haven't hooked up, but we will. Who wants to join us?) Charla continues her Speech Pathology practice for the Culpeper Hospital Outpatient Center, making home visits all over the 3 counties of Culpeper, Madison and Rappahannock. Her husband is an anesthesiologist at the same hospital. Charla and Tom are typical middle-agers in that betwixt stage of caring for aging parents and young adults who they still consider "kids". Their 2 boys are now 24 and 26. The oldest graduated from the U. of Richmond and is living in the Short Pump area of Richmond, working at a BBT. He lives with 2 girls and they have their own rendition of the "Three's Company" song on their answering machine. Charla and husband are the landlords as they recently bought a condo in that area as an investment. Their younger son graduated from Duke, completing his Jr. semester in Brisbane. He majored in environmental science and Charla's father calls him a "Tree Hugger". He plans to head to Seattle in the fall as his Duke girlfriend is from Vancouver and he has a thing about going to the Northwest. Charla looks forward to visiting an area she's never seen. Charla and Tom spend weekends at Wintergreen where they just upgraded to a bigger house with 2 other families. They've been property owners there for over 20 years and still ski even though she broke her pelvis and says she's just asking for trouble. In their community activities, Charla and Tom recently went to the Pulaski/Radford area to work on a habitat house with 20 members of their church. It was hot, muggy, sweaty,

stinky, but they had great fun, laughing and enjoying their extended family while doing old-fashioned activities like roasting marshmallows, spitting watermelon seeds, playing cards and singing off key. Charla gets to see **Kate Williams Cox** on occasion. They recently got together in DC to take Kate's mother out for lunch, which was a great time to catch up.

Rosie Brache Leparulo wants the award for the most negligent note-writing member of the class of '72! (Her news was very welcome, so maybe we'll consider it...) Rosie's been married to former SBC Italian professor, William Leparulo, for 31 years, and she writes that, as schmaltzy as it may sound, they are blissfully happy, still today. William is still teaching at FSU and Rosie has been teaching for the past 19 years at North Florida Community College in Madison, about an hour from Tallahassee. Just 3 more years until retirement—actually 2 years and 10 months, but who's counting? Rosie and William just returned from a few weeks in Italy. She reports you can take the Italian out of Italy but you can't take Italy out of the Italian! William needs his yearly fix, and of course, Rosie has no complaints. They have 2 wonderful boys, Willy (30) and Robert (28). The younger son married a wonderful nursing student a couple of years ago, and Rosie is delighted with her new daughter. No grandchildren yet, but she thinks they're waiting for her to retire—could there be built-in-babysitter plans?

Vivian Finlay writes that she keeps up with **Holly Smith** in London, because she stayed with Vivian's family in India in the 70s, and since then has generously hosted her family off and on in London for years. Holly and her husband, Neil, came to Vivian's wedding in '97 in Ireland. Vivian and husband Clyde Boyer have 7 grown children between them, and 19 grandchildren! They have lived in AK, 50 miles from Anchorage for 21 years, in a small house on a lake where she can ski in winter, and canoe and swim in summer. She's had her own Psychotherapy practice for the last 17 years and loves cross-country skiing in the winter, and hiking or taking wilderness canoe trips in the summer. If anyone heads up to AK, Vivian says she'll be glad to offer suggestions for where to go and what to see.

David and **Ella Ivey Marks** live in Lynchburg where David owns his own real estate business. Ella used to do interior design but has cut back in order to pay daily visits to her mom, who had

a massive stroke 10 years ago. Ella and David's oldest son lives in NYC and is a senior investment analyst. Their middle son got married a year ago and moved from Richmond back to the Lynchburg area in Aug., where he works in banking and his wife is a pediatric nurse. The youngest son just graduated from VA Tech business school and has moved to VA Beach.

Last Nov. **Linda Odum** hosted **Cinda Lawrence Pierce** and husband Mark in Green Turtle Cay in the Bahamas. Mark was crew on a friend's sailboat being delivered to the Bahamas from ME, so Cinda came to await his arrival, after which they stayed a couple of weeks... even longer than Linda did as she had previous plans with friends in Denver to see THE ROLLING STONES in concert. (Linda's trying to make up for lost time after having had 4 back surgeries in recent years-ouch!)

Anyway, Cinda and Mark were big fun and great help as Linda had just moved back into a cottage that needed to be rebuilt after Hurricanes Frances and Jeanne. And, she'd just had a brush with Hurricane Wilma.... she IS somewhat in the path after all. Cinda, Mark, and Linda hung curtains and painted furniture. "Sailor mon" Mark was all about the boats...splicing lines, etc. So, in addition to the fun of having them there to play, they were a huge help to Linda in getting settled. She expects to visit them in the fall in the San Juan Islands.

Bev Horne Dommerich writes that it's hot and muggy in Ft. Myers, but all's well. She's playing a ton of tennis (very early in the morning—otherwise, she couldn't stand the heat) and in general enjoying life. The boys are now self-sufficient—each getting ready for their senior years—John at the U. of FL and Stephen at Ft Myers high school. Bev, husband John, and the 2 boys took what will probably be the last mandated family vacation, a trip to Espana in July. Flying to Madrid for a few days, taking the train to Pamplona to see the running of the bulls (it's the festival of St. Fermin) and then on to Barcelona. At least she had the language down pat on this one! Bev's trying to think "empty nest" as she has less than a year to acclimate. She hears it's not as bad as she expects. She has to think of things to do after 2 p.m., as that has been the witching hour for her for too many years. Any suggestions?

Mary "MayMay" Bryan Gay's oldest daughter, Elizabeth, received her MBA at Duke and interned this past summer with Merrill Lynch in NYC. She

had been working in DC for a non-profit consulting firm for 5 years after graduating from W&L. Middle daughter, Lucy, just got married in Oct. to Oliver, an independent contractor. They live in Lynchburg not far from MayMay and Garland. Youngest daughter Margaret is a senior at Radford U. Husband Garland is still developing real estate and MayMay writes that they're both old and fat! Booohooo!

Susan Desmet Bostic and husband Gordon still live in Shrewsbury, NJ, where Susan teaches 1st grade and hopes to retire in about 2 years. Gordon develops software for the government, but his real passion is soccer and he coaches 4 different teams. Daughter Rosalie will graduate from college next May with a math and secondary education major.

Cecile Lee Essrig just moved back to Tampa after 17 years. After graduation she returned home to Tampa to study gifted-child education and taught gifted children for several years. Then she decided to go to law school and after graduation clerked for a federal district court judge. She went to work for Honeywell as an in-house lawyer, first in FL, then on to Brussels (Belgium), and finally to Minneapolis when she became Honeywell's 1st Ethics and Compliance Officer. 10 years ago she moved to Boston to take a job with a health care company and later worked for a professional association for ethics and compliance officers. When Lee moved back to Tampa, she became Chief Ethics and Compliance Officer for an engineering consulting firm. She's delighted to be near family and old friends again, although she will miss being close enough to **Pam Drake McCormick** (in MA) and **Kathy Walsh Drake** (in ME) to get together with them occasionally. Lee looks forward to finding out who else from SBC is in the Tampa Bay area. Help her!

On Feb. 13, '06 Time Magazine's cover story on science, featured **Nancy Jenkins** with her husband and fellow cancer-researcher Neal Copeland. He was quoted as saying they are leaving the National Cancer Institute after 2 decades there to work in Singapore because, "There's plenty of funding and a lot less bureaucracy." Good luck to them both!

Dale Shelly Graham and husband James still live in Bethesda, MO. Son, Fielding (19) just finished his freshman year at SMU in Dallas where he is a music and business major. Daughter Lily really is a "sweet 16" and will graduate in June '07 from Holton-Arms School.

Dale's summer consisted of driving Lily to lacrosse camps, tournaments and college visits. Unfortunately, Dale reported that Lily is looking at coed institutions because she's already spent 10 years in an all-girls school.

Barbara Tessin Derry will be starting her 14th year working in the lower school library at Collegiate School in Richmond. It has been the perfect job for her, both when her children were at school there and even now that they are in college—interesting work, great hours, summers off, congenial colleagues. Husband Bill is a lawyer specializing in public finance at Troutman Sanders, a law firm in Richmond. Son Will (21) was in Paris this past summer doing research at the Pasteur Institute and is a senior at Yale. Alice (19) has just finished her freshman year at Wake Forest. Barbara misses them when they are gone but the empty nest has its benefits—no one criticizes the food, there is practically no laundry, and she can go to bed at a decent hour and sleep through the night without worrying why the hall light is still on at 2 a.m. She's sure they're still out then but they are not on her watch so she doesn't have to worry about it!

Who saw the "Spotlight" section in the last SBC Alumnae Magazine? There was a lovely article on our Class President in Perpetuity **Marion Walker!** Here's what she didn't say: she had a hard recovery from a ruptured appendix that 2 doctors missed for a week in May. Despite temporary health issues, she is enjoying her new job at Ford & Harrison, a nationwide firm of labor and employment lawyers, where Marion handles all issues concerning employees, including litigation. Her nephew now practices law in Birmingham and her niece is there too! Marion loves having them around. Golf is still a passion along with reading, sailing and gardening. Last year, she traveled to Prague and then by train to France where the group got on a barge and traveled the canals through Lorraine and Alsace. It was glorious! Marion's getting ready for Reunion and hopes to see (read "strongly encourages") everyone at our 30th!

Frankly admitting she doesn't write, but pulling through as a result of my plaintive e-mail, **Eliza Walbridge** reports that she is back in PA on the family farm. She takes care of 7 horses, 19 acres of mowing, 2 miles of fences, and her parents (93 and 89) when they are at the farm. Eliza is working on the long-term task of preserving their 75 acres, and is very busy, as we can imagine.

For relaxation (when does she have the time?), she does tai chi, calligraphy, and meditation.

Gail Garner Resch and husband Michael moved 3 years ago to an 1870 house on 4 acres in the country. They love it and have been renovating and gardening ever since. They have taken several bike trips with Backroads, going to Portugal in Sept. '04 and to Turkey this Sept. for a combo bike and boat trip. Son, Garner (20) just completed his freshman year at Trinity College in Hartford, CT and loves it.

Sending greetings from Paris, **Stephanie Harmon Simonard** reports it's not easy being an American in Paris these days, but she continues to do her part to improve Franco-American relations. Stephanie's family is well: SBC graduate Sophie runs the Atlantic Partnership in DC. Middle daughter Vanessa works in Stephanie's tax firm. Youngest daughter Emilie is in the 9th grade. Husband Baudoin works hard at his non-ferrous metals business and is now head of their large community sports center.

Betty Moricle keeps busy volunteering at her local museum in Reidsville, NC and also using her experiences from landscaping courses at the local community college. While she enjoys her time at the beach, she warns us all to use sunscreen, especially at our age. She also has been fortunate to participate in some of the arts weekends at SBC. Lucky Betty, to be able to spend time at SBC!

In Feb. '05, **Margaret Lyle** married Don Samdahl. They now live in Lexington, VA, where Don is Head Librarian at VMI. While Margaret misses her lab at UAB, she really loves the small Southern college town of Lexington.

After retiring from teaching in June '05, **Mary Sue Morrison Thomas** is finally beginning to get used to it! She writes that retirement may not be what it's cracked up to be, but it does have its advantages. For example, she had no idea that sleeping past 5 a.m. on purpose could be such a splendid option. Since she does have added time now, Mary Sue is able to spend more of it with her family and to help with the operation of a couple of family-owned businesses. She finds this really quite interesting and wishes she had gotten into it in more depth sooner. She still enjoys writing and works on short stories and articles for some children's publications. Mary Sue looks forward to seeing everyone and renewing friendships at our next Reunion. She

wrote that she's bringing her checkbook!

Another retiree is **Trish Neale Van Clief** in Lexington, KY. She writes that she and husband DG are retiring from the horse business and joining Cami Crocker '71 and Chuck Wodehouse on many mutual early-retirement excursions. This means getting on their boat and going fishing in the Bahamas as soon as and as often as possible. Son Danny has been married for 5 years to his beautiful wife Anna Bowman, from Australia, and they are moving back there for 2 years in Dec. while he gets his MBA from the Australian Graduate School of Business in Sydney. Daughter Helen (28) has been married for 3 years to her handsome husband Chase Heard. Helen graduated from U. of TX Law School this past May, and Chase finishes TX Architecture School in the fall. They will continue to live and work in Austin, which is an amazingly fun and busy city. As a family Trish feels grateful indeed, for their health and happiness. Trish and DG plan to stay in KY for another couple of years with a visit or 2 to Australia, and then move to Charlottesville, VA, where they still have family and some beloved farmland near Scottsville.

And now, for the wedding reports: I'd hoped to hear from **Karen Terstappen Morr** but I think she was really busy with her daughter Heather's wedding in June in DC. **Linda Odum** reports it was fabulous: a nice Georgetown Presbyterian ceremony complete with lovely pipe organ music accompanied by a trumpet. Garden reception and seated dinner/dance at the Fairmont. Très elegant, said Linda, with attention to every detail as you would imagine from Karen and Tom. Bride and Groom both simply adorable...met at Princeton and she's now at Yale grad school and he a recent graduate of Wharton and both living in NYC. Even though the wedding was lovely, Linda says the really fun part was the mini-sweetie reunion of Karen, **Cutler Bellows Crockard**, **Penny Walsh Gilbert** and **Jeanie Mann Hardesty**, all with husbands save Linda (the "lone ranger" who says her "Prince Charming is very late!"). Nevertheless, Linda really wants to comment on how GREAT everyone all looked and how it didn't seem to matter that there had been years in between. (**Cinda Lawrence Pierce** and Mark would have been in DC for the wedding, but they were on a barge trip in Europe!)

Liz Clegg Woodard and Woody's middle daughter Catherine married Apr. 8, '06, in Houston, and is now writing

thank you notes and setting up house. Catherine's wedding was lots of fun and they enjoyed seeing W&L and SBC friends, **Cutler Bellows Crockard**, **Susan Waller Nading**, **DeDe Conley**, **Ellen Moore Miller**, **Allyson Priest Cook**, Brooke Thomas Dold '71, and **Kathy Keys Graham**. **Cutler Bellows Crockard** and Doug hosted the Nadings and Grahams and reports it was almost exactly like sophomore quad in Carson (minus Dale) and with the addition of parietals.

Liz had a great visit with **MayMay Bryan Gay** and **Ella Ivey Marks** in May, while in VA for Woody's 35th W&L reunion. Updating Liz and Woody's family: oldest daughter, Mary (27) is studying for the TX Bar and joins Andrews Kurth as an associate in Sept. Julia, the baby, is applying to medical schools, shadowing docs, and doing epilepsy research in a lab. Woody and Liz are so happy to have all their daughters in Houston. Liz continues to volunteer for various activities, plus plan fabulous trips (also see Cutler's comments below) for Woody and her to enjoy. Her niece Katharine Kokot from Brussels, Belgium, is entering SBC this fall as a freshman, so Liz hopes to be a frequent visitor to the campus.

Cutler Bellows Crockard and Doug spent most of the last year and a half planning their daughter Callie's wedding, while caring for and mourning the loss of her father 2 weeks before the wedding. Despite the personal situation, Cutler and Doug were thrilled to have so many friends at Callie's wedding last Sept. **Liz Clegg Woodard** and Woody hosted a lovely brunch for the wedding along with keeping house guests **Kathy Keys Graham** and Bill, **Jeanie Mann Hardesty** and Ben, and **Susan Waller Nading** and Alex. (That was the place to be that weekend!). They were also honored to have **Patricia Reardon Riggins** and Mike, **Karen Terstappen Morr** and Tom, Brooke Thomas Dold '71 and Wiley there as well. Callie and her new husband are living in San Antonio so Cutler and Doug try to head that way when schedules permit. Son Bradford is practicing law here in Houston and they see him as often as he allows.

In addition to dodging hurricanes, cheering on the Houston Astros and catching up with SBC friends at weddings, Cutler and Doug take some interesting trips. They had such a good time in spring '05 on a W&L Alumni Club cruise up the Danube through Eastern Europe with **Liz Clegg Woodard** and Woody that they are joining them again

this fall to cruise the Mediterranean from Rome to Barcelona. Cutler thinks it would be nice to get a group of us together for one of the SBC trips sometime soon.

Dale Shelley Graham organized a dinner with Cutler and Doug Crockard, **Mary Heller**, and me prior to **Karen Terstappen Morr**'s daughter's festivities. After 30 something years, Cutler says it seemed like we had just enjoyed dinner in the Refectory the night before! The next day Dale, Mary and I joined **Carter Frackelton**, **Ginnie B Payne Sasser** and **Janet Nelson Gibson** for a long weekend at **Karen Medford**'s beachhouse in Rehoboth, DE, where we partied hardy while celebrating Dale's birthday...a lot. You know Mary; she managed to get all the restaurants over a 3-day span to deliver a free dessert to Dale! Karen had a wonderfully decorated "sea shore" cake to celebrate on the last day. I only wish we could post pictures of the celebration so everyone could see Dale's fabulous haul of fun (and some goofy) gifts. We vowed to try to do this every year.

Ladies, many thanks to all who sent messages. Please keep your news coming. If you'd prefer, please send comments to Mary Heller at HELLERM@MAIL.NIH.GOV. We'd both love to hear from you.

1973

Louise A. Blakeslee Gilpin
105 Centre St
Milton, MA 02186
Louise_Gilpin@Milton.edu

1974

Hannah L. Pillsbury
7132 W Tamarack Ct
Mequon, WI 53092-8517
hannahp7132@sbcglobal.net

1975

Karin Lindgren
124 Lakeview Avenue
Lantana, FL 33462
zzkayelle75@earthlink.net

I am very sorry to report that Harold Bartlett "Bart" Whiteman III, son of former SBC President Harold Bartlett Whiteman, Jr., succumbed to heart failure on Mar. 14, '06. A friend of many at SBC, Bart was on the 1969 Yale champion football team. He studied theater in London and received his Master's degree from American U. Bart founded The Source Theater, DC's first non-equity theater, in a neighborhood torn by the riots of 1968. Bart often escorted theater patrons who were skittish about entering that neighborhood to and from their vehicles. He is also remembered for taking Tennessee Williams' *The Glass Menagerie* on a highly successful tour of England and eastern Europe. Most recently, Bart was a financier, obtaining workable mortgages for people who would have otherwise been unable to purchase homes. Bart is survived by his wife, Melinda Whiteman, two daughters, Elisabeth Monclin and Mary Bartlett Whiteman, sister Priscilla Kellert and brother Mac Whiteman.

Betsy Brooks Jones and Tombo still live in Franklin, VA. Daughter Brownrigg was married to Robert Snow this past May. Brownrigg is a speech pathologist in DC. Son Thomas is working on his Master's degree in London and hopes to pursue a Ph.D. at Cambridge. Betsy and Tombo are planning to visit Thomas in England this fall. They often see **Ellen Harrison Saunders**.

Carol Clement's youngest son, Derek, graduates from high school this year and heads off to Whittier College. Carol's older son, Louis, is taking off a year from college to help his father with his business while his dad is battling cancer, and will return to U. of CA Santa Barbara the following year. Carol quit her career as a vice president with a Fortune 500 company almost 3 years ago and now enjoys teaching yoga. "It is a treat every day to know I have time to read, travel for pleasure, connect with friends, spend time with my sons and thoroughly enjoy my yoga practice after all those years of flying cross country for meetings and 50+ hour weeks."

Sarah Clement has made 2 trips to Sweet Briar this spring: First, to see her niece, Sarah Mouri, graduate on May 13 and again 2 weeks later

to see her mother, Martha Mansfield Clement '48, be honored as this year's Outstanding Alumna. Sarah, her 2 sisters, brother, niece and mother were lodged at the Elston Inn for the Reunion weekend. Also present to celebrate Mrs. Clement's award was Sarah's close friend, Maureen Hynes '74. Many of Mrs. Clement's classmates were there to see her be recognized for nearly 6 decades of dedicated volunteer service for the College. (I recall attending a tea for prospective SBC students at Mrs. Clement's house in 1970.) While at Reunion, Sarah visited with her favorite professor and mentor, Dr. Lee Piepho. The Clement party had the pleasure of visiting Lee's villa and touring his wife's gardens. Sarah continues to work at the U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board as an administrative judge, hearing appeals of government employees who have been terminated or demoted. Sarah is an avid cyclist and states that she has nearly outgrown her townhouse with her collection of CDs and licorice pizzas (LPs—remember those?) and her 5 (Yes, 5!) bicycles. "I wish I had a garage," muses Sarah, who keeps the music collection and bikes in the rec. room. Sarah's mother lives with her and, according to Sarah, is much more active and energetic: "She is always busy, and I am always ready to take a nap or rest!"

Anne Coggsell Burris missed Reunion last year due to daughter Carrie's graduation from high school. She will be a sophomore at U. of SC this fall which allows Anne to stay in touch with **Chris Hoefer Myers** more. All 3 sons are out of school: Scott is in DC and has been working for SC Senator Lindsay Graham for 2 years. Ben is enjoying being back in Charleston after his 4 years at SMU in Dallas. He works for an uncle. Will, who finished Wofford in May, is also in Charleston waiting tables while he figures out what he wants to do. Anne and Lon have enjoyed their new empty nest status and hope to travel more with no one at home except the cat and dog! They received a visit from **Wendy Wise Routh** and Carlos in Feb. while they were in the area.

Catherine Cranston Whitham tells us that there is "no huge news" from Richmond. She is as active as ever, dividing her time between several volunteer projects and looking after her folks "from afar". Catherine adds, "Son Craig is working on a congressional campaign in FL, with aspirations of getting to Capital Hill this fall; Daughter Ann is at UVA in a graduate program in

Urban and Environmental Planning. Whit and I are happily and healthily chugging along." She had dinner with **Randy Anderson Trainor** and **Libby Whitley** on Randy's visit to Richmond in Apr. She bumped into **Celia Robertson Queen** in Augusta in Jan. Catherine also worked with **Ellen Harrison Saunders** on a major volunteer project for a statewide organization this past year. "SBC friendships are the glue of life," Catherine concludes. So true!

Bonnie Damianos Rampone just returned from a trip to Egypt, where she and the friends who accompanied her saw the pyramids. They were escorted by a secret service guard who carried a uzzi under his suit jacket! Their tour bus was always guarded and had to pass through 4 checkpoints before they could enter the hotel. At one stop, dogs were used to sniff for bombs. At the hotel, they had to pass through a security checkpoint similar to those at airports. "They certainly know how to protect against terrorism," observes Bonnie. She found the Egyptians very accommodating and highly recommends Egypt as a vacation destination. Bonnie and Chuck also visited the British Virgin Islands on a rented, crewed catamaran. "The sailing is gentle; the water is exquisite and the snorkeling is out of this world!" If you take this trip, pack light, advises Bonnie. Son Chuck III (25) has recently become engaged. The Rampones have known his fiancé, Michelle, and her family for 6 years. A Gettysburg graduate, Chuck now works at the Hummer Store. He attended Hummer School a few months ago and learned to drive them up walls, down ravines, through water and over trees! Son Christopher (23) is in training for Ameritech Financial, a subsidiary of American Express. He lives in Hoboken, NJ with 2 friends from Drew U. Husband Chuck has been busy running the Chevrolet, Hummer, motorcycle and school bus business. He has been rearranging some of his businesses in order to have more time off. Since he would like to retire in 6–8 years, he is starting to downsize. Bonnie and Chuck plan to travel to Africa in the fall. In the meantime, she is planning a family reunion for the 4th of July.

Helen Hodges Richards has had a busy year in TX. Last fall, she and her daughters vacationed in Jamaica. The trip home was a bit of a nightmare, since they traveled right after Hurricane Wilma went through the Yucatan and Miami. First the rain caused flooding, which made the road to the airport almost

impassible. There was some trouble with people attacking one of the buses taking tourists to the airport, and that was hairy. "Fortunately our bus was not involved," Helen says, "but it took over 3 hours to travel the 15 km to the airport." In Dec., Helen's son, James, graduated from U. of Miami. He went to VA for about 6 months, but is now back home figuring out what to do next. Daughter Sarah has started going back to school full-time, as well as holding down a full-time job. Helen's youngest, Amanda, graduated from high school! She is home for the summer, then will start college in the fall at the local community college. "As for me," Helen concludes, "I keep working at the hospital—9 years now. Life is pretty good."

Linda Lucas Steele is director of marketing (voice, long distance, and data products) for NTELOS, an innovative, regional telecommunications company. She is celebrating 29 years of marriage to Roger, who develops real estate and breeds Black Angus cattle. Daughter Molly plays soccer for Johns Hopkins U.; son Austin is a senior at Culver Academies, where he plays football and lacrosse; son Evan finished at Kansas State and operates his own livestock transportation business.

Shari Mendelson Gallery lives in WV. Oldest son, Matt, graduated from USNA in May '05, is now in San Diego on *USS Antietam*. 2nd son, Nathan, graduates Duquesne/NROTC this May and will be commissioned in the US Navy. Twin daughters, Tory & Emily, graduate high school also in May '06. Emily is off to WVU and Tory to Shepherd U. Business changed focus to Web design and local/regional clientele after 17 years of handling state travel guide tourism advertising. Shari also operates Just Far Enough Getaway (<http://www.justfareenough.com>) vacation rental in the scenic hills of eastern WV, and a Christmas tree business that retails in Alexandria, VA each Dec.

Our sincere condolences go to **Denise Montgomery**, whose brother succumbed to cancer on Jan. 15, '06. At the time of this writing, Denise had just been to Sweet Briar to see Cheri Lux Cobb '76, who celebrated her 30th Reunion. Denise and Gerry went to Chicago in June '05 and to San Antonio in Jan. '06 for meetings of the American Library Association. They also traveled to London in Mar. for a long weekend and, in May, attended Bookexpo in DC. Denise returned to her home in Valdosta, GA with 104 books! This spring, Denise has had

some last-minute verification tasks in her role as 1 of 6 Senior Research Editors on *The Yale Dictionary of Quotations*, which is due to be published in Oct., and is already listed on Amazon. Doing this gave her the confidence to tackle a reference book on her own. She signed a contract with Scarecrow Press in Mar. to revise Ottemiller's *Index to Plays in Collections*, which will be in its 8th edition. Since it was last revised back in '88 and Denise is expected to cover 14 years in her revision, it is equivalent to doing a Ph.D. Denise, who seems to have a voracious appetite for travel, visited old friends in IN and RI last summer.

Lynn Norris Pfeiffer is moving from Hudson, FL to Belleview by July 1. She and John will celebrate their 30th anniversary in Oct. Lynn's father now lives with her, which is the main reason for the move into a gorgeous manufactured home retirement community on a lake.

From Charlottesville, **Anne Ross Shipe** writes that son Ross graduated on May 27 with honors from Randolph Macon College (his dad's *Alma mater*) with majors in business/econ., accounting and a minor in ethics. He is going to work for the University Foundation, a private group that handles all of the University's non-academic property (Boars Head Inn, Morven, Birdwood Golf course, Cavalier Inn, etc.). He interned with them in Jan. (RMC is set up like SBC) so he is really looking forward to that and moving into his condo in mid-June. Graduate school will be shortly forthcoming. Anne and Jim are doing well and invite anyone who goes through Charlottesville to give her a call. She sees Sandra and Maria Vonetes often and tries to keep in touch with others.

In Philadelphia, all is well for **Polly Shriver Kochan** and family. Her oldest son graduated from UVA last May and is employed as a financial analyst at IMS, a large health care consortium. Andrew will graduate from The Haverford School in June and will enter Villanova this fall. Husband Jeff is still working at Temple U. Hospital, while Polly works at Temple Children's Hospital. Polly and Jeff look forward to their retirement (in a couple years??) to Jackson, WY, where they purchased some land on a mountainside in "the most beautiful spot in the world!!"

Also in Charlottesville, **Cora Snyder** is "still watching the geese on the lake and finding great peace from the scenery here." On the day Cora wrote, she was doing tax returns and spring cleaning. She also drove to Monticello, where she was the sole visitor. "It was wonderfully

peaceful," says Cora. "I guess I am looking for that state of mind after all."

Leslie Thornton was preparing to go on vacation when I heard from her. She still lives in northern VA, where she works for the government. Leslie would very much like to hear from **Claiborne Gooch Hammond**.

Patti Tucker O'Desky has a niece, Mallory Sherwood, who just finished her 1st year at SBC and absolutely loved it! Daughter Aly finished her 1st year at Wellesley College. Son Charley has completed his sophomore year in high school. Patti and Billy enjoy their home, which they finished remodeling last year. They play golf with fellow SBC classmate **Linda Poole Maggard**. Patti welcomes a visit from anyone heading Newport Beach way.

Bonnie Walton Mayberry, who lives in Lynchburg, just retired from 30 years of teaching 1st grade at Elon Elementary School. During her 1st year of retirement, Bonnie tutored 2 mornings a week at Elon, volunteered at church one day a week and spent more time with her mother and daughter. Her daughter is now 25 and working with her dad at Areva in Lynchburg. She has been married for 4 years. She met her husband at Liberty U. Both of them were in Sounds of Liberty (a singing group in college). Husband, Jerry, is in his 33rd year at Areva with no plans of retiring anytime soon.

Carroll Waters Summerour announces that husband Toby has finished his 2nd year of seminary at Sewanee. They are spending the summer at their house in Lake Toxaway, NC while Toby works at the Episcopal Church in Cashiers. Carroll's family and friends survived Katrina but New Orleans is still battered and bruised. Carroll and Toby hope that the Bishop will send them back to New Orleans when Toby finishes next May so they can help rebuild. They are expecting their 1st grandchild at Christmas. Carroll has started a new ministry (LINK) at Sewanee, which links the undergrads with the seminarians. Carroll saw **Wendy Wise Routh** when her daughter, Lexie, was college shopping at Sewanee.

I often see **Worden Willis**, who still runs FINO Dog Rescue. We enjoy reminiscing over lunch on the beach. I have weathered yet another hurricane and hope that this season will be a calm one. I am in the process of remodeling the duplex I have inherited from my grandmother. The larger apartment is finished. I am now at work on the

apartment in which I live. I am active as a volunteer in my church and still swim 35 or 40 laps in the YMCA pool every day. Thanks to all who sent news! I'd love to hear from the rest of you!

1976

Ann Kevin Kiley Crenshaw
1216 Cedar Point Dr
Virginia Beach, VA 23451
ac@att.net

1977

Suzan Marie Faist Jagger
19 Bexley Ct
Goshen, CT 06756
suzan@smjagger.com
Reunion 2007: May 18-20, 2007

1978

Paula Jennifer Brown Kelley
10617 Donovans Hill Dr
Fairfax Station, VA 22039
PBKelley@aol.com

Janet Marie Rakoczy
10135 Glenmere Road
Fairfax, VA 22032-1623
ir003394@mindspring.com

1979

Graham E. Hyslop Maxwell
525 S Flagler Dr Apt 15A
West Palm Beach, FL 33401
russellg@norton.org

1980

Lillian Ferguson Sinks Sweeney
74 Longevue Dr
Pittsburgh, PA 15228
lilsweeney@aol.com

1981

Claire McDonnell Purnell
Four Thompson Street
Annapolis, MD 21401
cpgd@verizon.net

Hello classmates! Thanks to everyone who sent her news to me. The next *Alumnae Magazine* comes out in Feb. '07 and the deadline for class notes is Nov. 1 '06. I would love to hear from you.

Helen Masters Durham writes "I'm now living in Rochester, MN (yes, you can take a Southern girl just about anywhere!) where my husband Buck (25 years in June) is on staff at the Mayo Clinic in Pediatric Cardiac Surgery. I have recently been promoted to Ticket Operations and Customer Services Relations Manager at the Mayo Civic Center. Arch (23) graduated a year ago from U. of the South and is now a media buyer at Universal McCann in NYC. Ann Husted (19) is studying Sports Medicine, and toying with the idea of Medical School at U. of ME. After about 8 months in a cast, it does not look like her life as a professional ballerina will happen, but she still dances for the love of it. Rob (16) is living on the soccer field like his brother and is now driving. I talk often with Mary Ware Gibson '83 and would love to hear from others.

Tracy Drake Hamilton's most exciting news is she is a grandmother as of Nov. '05. She writes "My step-daughter, Jennifer, had a beautiful little girl, Lauren. I help with babysitting since I am on medical leave from teaching. I spent last year recovering from cancer. God is good and I am in remission and feeling back to normal. I will teach nursery school again in the fall. The rest of my family is doing well, son Evin (13) and Caitlyn (9) and we won't mention my husband's age." Tracy also wrote that she would love to be a resource and support for anyone diagnosed with cancer. They are welcome to e-mail her since it helps to get in contact with someone who has been there. You can get Tracy's e-mail address from the Alumnae Office or contact me.

Quinne Fokes is busy with her design business, Quinne Design Associates, doing branding and marketing. Quinne writes "I've gone back to my fine arts roots, and have completed a number of drawings/paintings of animals, both human and otherwise. Most recent commission is of a mother and her 2 kids, which I enjoyed doing almost as much as a 3-year-old with the

family dog. My boyfriend is launching his new business later this year, branding by yours truly...I'm still riding Harley (a.k.a. Gimme A Break, my trainer's horse), as well as running and doing yoga."

Erin Lynch lives in Cary, NC with her daughter Chase (9) who enjoys horseback riding and swimming. Erin has been in IS (Information Systems) for 13 years with Affiliated Computer Services. She acquired a position at SAS Institute this past Feb. as a Development Tester and recently earned her SAS Base Programming Certification and plans to pursue advanced level certification in the fall. She stays in touch with **Mary Staurt Bolling Smith** and **Kathleen Freemon**.

Carrie Maynard Nichols said that she, her husband Tom and son Austin, had a blast at Reunion. "It was so nice to see everyone and to get the chance to sit down and catch-up. Everyone looked great—the only difference is that we have all grown-up a little bit. The band was amazing! THANK YOU ALLISON for the wonderful job you did as President. I hope that everyone will mark their calendars for the next Reunion."

Barbara Bush lives in McLean, VA with husband Doug and daughter Sophie (7) who is entering 2nd grade (yahoo). Barbara is working 3/4 time doing fund raising special events for Community Residences, a local non-profit that helps individuals with disabilities live independently in the community. Barbara is "looking forward to spending the summer on the Finger Lakes and Martha's Vineyard—enjoyed seeing everyone at Reunion."

Susan Clay Russell has lived in Richmond, VA for the last 9 years. She and Fred have 3 children, Pricey (16), Libby (14) and William (12). Since moving to Richmond, Susan has reconnected with 2 members of our class, **Barrie Jeffrey McDowell** and **Terrell Luck Harrigan**. Susan writes "Last Nov., Barrie and I co-chaired the Children's Hospital Ball in Richmond. We were connected at the hip for a year. My family went on spring break to a small island in the Caribbean with Terrell and her family. They have children almost the exact age of ours. The Harrigan's are moving down the street from us this fall!"

Florence Baldwin Langford and Tom are living in Darien, CT. Tom is still with Morgan Stanley in NY. Florence writes "He has been asked to keep his duties here, but have additional responsibility in the southwest. SOOO, he will be running the Houston office. Yes,

it's good for him but, we have a rising senior—terrible timing! Our daughter, Annie (15), has applied as a freshman to 3 schools in Houston and our son, Byron (17) has applied to 2 of those. Won't know about the schools until mid-July, then decisions, decisions."

Dorothy "D.J." Stanhope was sorry to have missed Reunion but was very busy with work and travel. After having lived abroad since '96 in Korea, Japan, and Kuwait, D.J. now lives in Philadelphia. She is Executive Director for the USO of PA and So. NJ. She did get a chance to visit with old pal Leslie Hertz Firestone, '82 in San Antonio while on a business trip in May. She would love to get together with any other "vixens" in the region, so be sure to drop a line.

Cornelia Kennedy Suskind wrote that Reunion was a blast and that it was so much fun to see so many great women from '81. Husband, Ron Suskind's new book came out in June. " *The One Percent Doctrine*" is about terrorism and the Bush administration. Cornelia and Ron have 2 boys, Walter (17) and Owen (15). Walter will be a senior and is looking at colleges. They live in DC and VT in the summer and are hoping to get **Molly Davis Garone** and her family up to visit them this summer.

Harriet Harrison Leavell's son Walton (18) graduated from Episcopal High School and will be attending Rhodes College in Memphis in the fall. He is working at a boat trailer business this summer and loves to wakeboard and sail. Daughter, Brooks (13) is going into 8th grade. She sails, runs cross-country, and plays soccer and her "new favorite sport" lacrosse. Harriet is the tax manager for a private company and plays tennis twice a week. Husband, Whitney, is still at Merrill Lynch. Harriet keeps up with **Dana Painter Parkey** and her family. Life is busy in Houston!

Kearsley Rand Walsh writes "I am still living and working in Arlington, VA with my 2 very adolescent boys Angus (15) and Duncan (13). I get to spend time with **Claire Purnell, Brendy Reiter Hantzes, Mary Kate Ferguson** and **Lori Faust Graham** fairly often. I also keep up with Mara and Carrie, but don't get to see them as often as I would like. I had a great time at Reunion and recently went on my first motorcycle trip to TN (as a passenger not a rider)."

Deborah Donigan Bullett ran into **Susan Richardson** in Charlottesville and said that it was great to see her again. "We laughed about the fact we have known each other since the 1st grade and

neither one of us have really changed." Son, Xavier (15) is in high school (finally) playing football and daughter Jax (12) will be starting the 8th grade. After finishing her MSEE, Debbie found a great job working for Aerospace Corporation. Debbie writes "My great husband, Robert, of 20 years (boy time went by fast) works for IBM. He spends a lot of time on the golf course, so of course I could not be beat so I am hitting my little pink ball everywhere. Actually I spend more time in the weeds than I do on the greens, but its fun!"

Liz Seacord really enjoyed our 25th Reunion and had a great road trip to SBC with **Stephanie Stitt Fitzpatrick**. Liz writes "I was so happily surprised by **Lelee Frank Hazard's** attendance, and it was great to see **Genia Zenke**. My daughter Iris (9) had a blast rocking out with the Chairmen of the Board. I spent a fabulous 4th of July weekend with Steph Stitt and her family at our weekend place in Woodstock (the Hippie/Counterculture answer to Colonial Williamsburg). The holiday visit has become a bit of a tradition, one which I look forward to on those lucky years when we are able to coordinate it."

New Class Co-President, **Brendy Reiter Hantzes**, writes "I had a terrific time at Reunion and loved seeing everyone. A big thanks to Allison, Carrie and Kearsley for all that you guys have done for our class." Brendy's son Will (18) graduated from high school in June and is off to WVU. Harrison (20) is a sophomore at Radford U. and Molly (15) is living in a residential care facility for kids with profound disabilities in VA Beach. "Nick and I are now empty nesters and the good news for everyone is that I will have plenty of time to work on the slide show for the next reunion."

Co-President **Mary Kate Ferguson** "Had a wonderful time at Reunion and am very happy to be working with Claire and Brendy as class officers. I moved from West Palm Beach to Baltimore recently to be closer to family and (Sweet Briar) friends. Doing some bookkeeping for my father's company and opened a small antiques business. Hangin' out a lot with Claire, Kearsley, Brendy, Eve, Mara...hope to add some more classmates to the list."

Sarah Bennett Blankenship hopes that everyone had a good time at Reunion. She was traveling in Scotland and could not attend.

Boo Major Duncan lives in SC and is coaching the USC Equestrian team. "Our team won the Hunt Seat National Title at the Varsity Equestrian National

Championships this year and were second overall." Boo loves being involved in college athletics and horses. Son, Mac (6), will be starting 1st grade. She often has lunch with Lisa Kean '80 who is doing well as a stockbroker in Columbia.

Sophie Crysler Hart has been with Colonial Williamsburg for 12 years and made a career move from public relations to development as the director of corporate and foundation relations in the summer of '05. She continues to teach a Government class in Chinese and Japanese politics at W&M. Husband, Rick, and she are working on a small remodeling job in their house. Sophie added "**Hope Keating, Alex Willson** and I had a great road trip to Reunion in May, and it was really wonderful seeing all our classmates who returned for the 25th! A big thank you to **Allison Roberts** and her cohorts for making it such a special weekend for all of us, and to my neighbors in Manson—you know who you are—for lending me hair dryers throughout the weekend."

Mary Hedley Sipe Gunther and husband, Bill, live in Richmond, VA. Hedley writes "I'm busy with work (I have a Medical Education Consulting Company), Garden Club, DAR, and family—lovely daughter, Edie (11), and grown stepsons Christopher and Justin. I see **Holly Silsand Ulrich** often, and keep up with **Wendi Wood McAfee** and **Whitley Greene**.

Anne Grosvenor Evrard and Walter celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary (the weekend of Reunion) in Biarritz, where they have built a summer house. Anne writes "My oldest daughter, Anne-Marie, just graduated from the French business school, H.E.C. She majored in Art and Culture, so hopes to combine business and the world of art. My 2nd daughter, Helene, is already working as a bilingual assistant for another French university. Constance, daughter # 3, has finished her 1st year in college majoring in psychology. Louis, Clotilde, and Bertrand, are all studying in high schools in Versailles, where we live." Anne has been teaching English to 9th and 10th graders in a private girl's school near Paris. She is finding it a challenge, and a pleasure, to try to create a positive image of American culture and lifestyle in a country that has become more and more negative about America in general. Husband, Walter, works for a German printing company, specializing in direct mail and Anne accompanies him on trips to Bavaria, where his firm is located.

K. Ellen Hagan writes "I didn't get to Reunion, because that was our last day of school. I am the guidance counselor at Banks Co. Elementary School in Homer, GA. I am president of the Pilot Club of Commerce, president of Delta Kappa Gamma and am active in my church in Commerce. I work with the youth of our church. Enjoy going to the beach at Fripp Island, SC which is near Hilton Head."

Allison Roberts Greene and Carson live in Barrington Hills, IL with their 3 children. She writes, "Meredith (7) had her kindergarten program and is excited to be a big 1st grader in the fall '06. Meredith and I took a fun mother/daughter trip to Vail with Carson's side of the family. This summer Mackenzie (11) attended Camp WeHaKee in WI. She enjoyed her 2 weeks with the girls. The rest of the family enjoyed their visit to the cabin in Hayward, WI located close to Lake Superior. Andrew and Meredith tried everyday to catch a "Big Musky". The trophy fish continues to be safe from our group. Andrew (9) loves pulling the little fish out of the Lake. Carson was busy being fishing guide, captain, driver, and pilot of our summer adventures. He did some Life Line Pilot Flights as well on his Cessna Caravan. In between family adventures, I continue to work on an equine assisted therapy program and facility. The WALK ON program should open late fall to clients."

Allison, Carson and Mackenzie attended Reunion and Allison writes: "What a wonderful time! I would like to thank everyone who helped make it a success... especially the Reunion Committee. Thank you! Thank you! Congratulations to our new officers!!! After 25 years, I am happy to pass the torch."

As for me, I am living in Annapolis, MD with my husband, John, and our daughters Mary (12) and Elizabeth (9). John is a consultant in Aviation Security and traveling a great deal. Mary has just finished 6th grade, loves acting, and writing. Elizabeth will be in the 4th grade and also likes theater and has a head for math. I am still a "Mom Shop" working at my home-based graphic design business and have recently designed a few books for a museum in NC.

Reunion was a lot of fun and a great chance to re-connect with classmates. As the class celebrating their 25th Reunion, we got up on stage and sang an SBC version of "Give Me Just a Little More Time" (written by May Carter Barger, Brendy, Mary Kate and Allison) and we

were pretty good. Thanks to the Reunion Co-chairs, Nancy Webb Corkery and Allison, who worked with their committee, including Nan Dabbs Loftin, Jane Terry, K. Ellen Hagan, Carol Hayes Hunley, and Headley Sipe Gunther to plan the weekend. Thanks to our class, everyone was treated on Saturday night to a performance by "The Chairmen of the Board" and the dance floor was filled the whole time! Thank you Kearsley for making a souvenir CD filled with beach music. We listened to it the whole way home to Annapolis. Brendy made an awesome DVD slide show filled with many fun and memorable pictures.

A very BIG thank you goes to Allison for serving so well as our class president for 25 years. Allison worked hard to make this Reunion (and past reunions) fun for everyone. Now you can relax at the 30th Reunion! Congratulations to Brendy and Mary Kate for stepping up to serve as Co-Presidents. Thanks to Kearsley and Carrie for your hard work as Class Secretaries, the class scrapbooks were wonderful. I will be calling you for advice! Looking forward to hearing from classmates by Nov. 1st! Good-bye for now.

1982

Ethel Burwell Dowling
906 Wedgewood Rd
Statesville, NC 28677-3118
ebdowling@netlink.net

Reunion 2007: May 18-20, 2007

1983

Melissa Byrne Partington
14441 Chepstow Rd
Midlothian, VA 23113
Melissa_Partington@us.ibm.com

1984

Cynthia Pike Gaylord
33 Edgehill Ave
Chatham, NJ 07928
gaylordcynthia@aol.com

Janet Lewis Shepherd: We are living in Ponte Vedra, FL now and enjoying the beach life. Robert is 13; Gracie 9; William 7; Anna 5. Jon's company is based in Boston, so he travels quite a bit. We still have our 2 cats and 4 cock-a-poo dogs, but the 2 oldest dogs are 17 and probably enjoying their last year. I stay busy w/ the kids and volunteer work in my "spare" time! I chaired a family fundraiser for the Jacksonville Zoo this spring. I ran the Disney 1/2 marathon and the Jacksonville marine core 1/2 marathon. I am signed up to do the Disney full and 1/2 (to earn the Goofy medal) for '07, but have to train this time! I am also looking into a part-time job for the fall (as my youngest will be in Kindergarten!) being a district manager for a new line of clothing for Carlisle. My kids loved receiving The Wrinkled Egg packages from Virginia Speigner's company while they were at camp in NC. I enjoy seeing SBC alumnae here. Look us up if you're in the area!

1985

Cecily Venable Schulz Banks
201 Carroll Ave
Newport, RI 02840-4390
cecilybanks@earthlink.net

1986

Charade Marquitta Bolling Estes
245 Spyglass Ln
Stafford, VA 22556-3659
SBC1986@msn.com

1987

Jean Graceanne Lewis
3641 Elderberry Pl
Fairfax, VA 22033
jguergai@notredameva.org

Elizabeth Wiley Stoeber
3900 Pete's Path
Austin, TX 78731
lizwiley@akllp.com

Reunion 2007: May 18-20, 2007

1988

Kelly Iacobelli
4764 Outlook Way NE
Marietta, GA 30066
kelly_iacobelli@yahoo.com

Laura Ferrazzano is still in DC selling real estate and loving it! She is a partner with the very successful real estate team of Edward & Stewart. They changed brokerages a few months ago and are now affiliated with Coldwell Banker in their Four Seasons/Georgetown office. It was fun to discover that one of her new colleagues is SBC alum, Judy Mak '49! She runs into **Chrissy Tellalian** every once in a while at the hot spots around town which is always a pleasure. Real estate keeps her very busy but she managed to find some time to travel to Provincetown, MA last Labor Day and Vieques, PR over Christmas. She plans to spend many more vacations in both places! Her partner of 7 years, Kirsten, is changing careers from practicing law to studying acupuncture. She's just starting a clinic and will be ready for patients by next year! Laura is an aunt with 2 nieces, Grace (4) and Faith (1), in Aiken, SC. She sees them as often as she can. Grace just started playing soccer so Aunt Laura will be visiting her a lot more to ensure she's ready for the US National Team in no time! Don't worry Crispin, she's learning lacrosse and hockey too! Laura invites classmates to look her up when visiting DC!

In Oct. '05 **Heidi Metzger Potter** started working part-time for Junior Achievement in York, PA with a wonderful program for 5th and 6th graders called Exchange City. She is enjoying the summer with the kids Andrew (13) and Collin (9) and is looking forward to going back to JA in the fall. In addition, she does some substitute teaching when she can fit it in. Her husband, Kevin, left his family business last Nov. to partner with a new start up company called Lifestyle Foods which is a grab-and-go salad concept. Things have been going well and he has been extremely busy. As many of you can relate, the boys keep her hopping and the schedule is packed with their sports and school activities. Both Andrew and Collin are wrapping up their travel baseball seasons, with football and hockey right around the corner. Collin joined a Jr. golf league this year and is having a great time.

Jennifer Bach Rosen has made a lot of progress on their house in New Orleans—they've completed

the remediation work from the flood and finally have the sheetrock and plasterwork done. They have moved back home and are currently living upstairs in the boys' bedrooms and using the rear house as a living space/kitchenette until they finish up with the floors and painters, hopefully sometime over the next month or so. The big excitement was when they got grass a few weeks ago. Jennifer said "Who would have thought that something as simple as green grass could make us smile! Although this has been a really rough 10 months for New Orleans, Rob and I really are doing fine and feel grateful as we watch our city grow stronger day by day. Fingers (and toes) are crossed for an uneventful hurricane season." Jennifer accepted a position as Dir. of Admissions at Isidore Newman School. Although she will be moving from part-time to full-time, she will still be at the same school as her boys Matthew (9) and Will (6) and she looks forward to both the challenges and rewards of her new role.

Stacey Sickels Heckel reports that her sons Kent (10) and Leland (7) are introducing her to the passion Anne Arundel County has for lacrosse. In addition, both boys sing in the All Children's Chorus of Annapolis. Her Mom (you may remember they bought her home in Round Bay and are all living together) is an invaluable help with the boys. She is thrilled to say that, after a 6 month search, she has been offered the Dir. of Development/Executive Dir. of the Foundation for Anne Arundel Community College. The College is just a few miles from home. She will NOT miss the 45 minute commute, but is grateful for all she learned at St. Timothy's School. Her husband, David, has added some international projects to his work so he is gone a couple times a year (Indonesia). They swing dance for fun (and in competition) and now Kent has taken up lindy hop. Her synchronized figure skating team, on which she coaches and skates, Ice Force One, had a "silver season" finishing 2nd in the nation.

Stacey had the pleasure of meeting up with **Leslie Corrado** in San Francisco last month. They had a great time together and they went to a housewarming party for a W&L grad. she knew at SBC. Leslie divides her time happily between San Francisco and Rehoboth Beach, DE with her extraordinary photography business. Families and couples from all over the country seek her out for her portraits. Stacey got to meet her boyfriend, David,

who adores her—and thought he was terrific.

Heather Witherspoon Buerger and Stacey attended a local Baltimore Sweet Briar event. Stacey reports—"WOW would it make you proud to hear what SBC is doing today. The president is so impressive and there is so much good news. Our diplomas are worth more now than they perhaps were when we graduated." Heather's daughters are figure skaters and her son John Hay "Jack" is taking up hockey. Heather and her husband, Kevin "K.B." have a place in NY now and those of you who remember Heather as a lover of art and successful Art History student will be delighted to know she is actively practicing art law. Stacey worked a Sweet Briar College Fair a few months ago. She reports that "It was amazing. I ran out of brochures and was really (happily) surprised to see how many parents and students were interested in Sweet Briar. I learned from one excited father that we have one of the 1st engineering degrees at a women's college! Hilary Holbrooke just completed her freshman year at Sweet Briar. Hilary was the daughter of Stacey's work colleague and she suggested she look at SBC. She absolutely LOVES IT!

Stephanie Wilt Smirnov is still living right outside NYC in Leonia, NJ with her husband, Max, and son, Terry (3 ½). Her work is going better than ever—she was recently promoted to Executive VP overseeing the Beauty and Healthcare divisions at DeVries Public Relations, a mid-sized communications agency in Manhattan. Now that the weather is finally better here in the Northeast, she has been spending lots of time with her husband on gardening and landscaping projects—she recently considered planting some boxwood hedges, the scent of which to this day reminds her of SBC! She invites anyone coming through the NYC area to visit her and would love to hear from people: ssmirnov@devries-pr.com.

Brenda Payne has been busy at the Nelson County Dept. of Social Services as a Social Worker. She can not believe she has been at this job for 17 years. Her family is doing well. Her daughter, Kristy, has moved back to Lynchburg and her son, John, is in CA with his wife Susan and dog, Ruby. She and her husband, John, still live in Amherst Co.

Chrissy Tellalian reports that everything is great with her world. She is still Sony's lobbyist in DC and lives in Georgetown. Her exciting news is that she recently purchased a vacation home

in beautiful Kiawah Island, SC. Let her know if there are any SBCers down there. She'd love to get together with them. She is going to take a quick trip to Great Exuma in the Bahamas, and planning on trying to hit Greece in Aug. Recently, she ran into **Heather Gregory Skeens'** dad, former astronaut Fred Gregory, at a charity event for the Smithsonian. He put them back in touch, which is great. She also has heard from **Allison Flint Nicholson**. She is married to a fabulous guy and her daughter, Annie, is just beautiful. She is also in touch with **Paige Shiller Okun**, who lives this glamorous life in Singapore, where her husband has been running the UPS office. They had a great little trip to the Air and Space Museum with her 2 adorable sons when they were here in DC.

Susan Detweiler enjoys hearing from SBC friends, as usual. She and her partner returned directly from Antarctica this time instead of traveling, so that they could ski in the Tetons in WY, her home base. The rest of the spring she visited family and friends, did a lot of yoga, and caught up on life. She's about to begin her 4th season guiding climbers in the Tetons. Recently she made it back to the MD-VA area when she gave a presentation on Antarctica for the National Conservation Training Center. This was her 1st time back to the area in 16 years and she enjoyed seeing that landscape again. Susan remains under the magic spell of Antarctica, so in Sept., she'll head south for her 4th season working as a Field Instructor.

Denise Landau Blind can't believe she's 40! Her husband threw her a surprise party, and it was great to have **Cameron Cox-Hirtz** there! She ran her 1st 10K race. Last Aug., her girlfriend quit smoking, and so they started walking every day. They turned the walks into running 5 miles a day a few times a week. They finished the 6.2 mile race, in the 90 degree heat with big smiles! Her family is great, busy as usual.

Kathryn Deriso-Schwartz met **Katrina Evans Gatti** when she was on Miami Beach for a lovely brunch. The kids are doing great. Kacki graduated from junior high and the twins, Burgen and Webb, graduated from elementary. Chandler will be in 2nd grade. Kathryn is still recovering from a bad car accident. She hopes to have her last surgery this summer and work on some medical problems so she can get back to being as active as she once was. Kathryn would like to plan a small reunion at her beach house sometime for anyone

who is interested. Let her know at akkbwc@aol.com if you are interested in helping to organize something.

I am enjoying my role on the Alumnae Board. I attended my 1st board meeting in Apr. and I was so thrilled to see the College in the spring time again. I loved meeting the '06 graduates and learning where they are heading (grad school, exciting careers, adventures). My job is still keeping me busy. I am a senior marketing manager for EarthLink, and I am working on our new voice products. I call on Circuit City, OfficeMax and several other large accounts to develop programs to promote our products in store. I find the package design and advertising components to be the most fun. Our 4-year-old daughter, Kathleen, is a real delight! We just had 12 of her friends over for a Dora the Explorer adventure for her birthday. We read maps and marched all over the house to make bracelets, dance and solve puzzles. I think I am still tired! I'd love to include more of our classmates in these updates—please send e-mail addresses to me at kelly_iacobelli@yahoo.com.

1989

Emmy Sau Han Leung
7102 Wynnwood Court
Richmond, VA 23235-5619
fan-han@prodigy.net

1990

Jean Louise Spillane Benning
1506 N Bethlehem Pike
Lower Gwynedd, PA 19002
jean_benning@hotmail.com

1991

Victoria Campo Byrd
2800 NE 22nd St
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33305-2804
garnettandvickie@msn.com

1992

Kimberly Olmstead Calhoun
545 Highbrook Dr
Atlanta, GA 30342
kimbocalhoun@hotmail.com

Reunion 2007: May 18-20, 2007

Hello Friends! As always it was great to hear from so many of you. For those of you reading this, who did not get the e-mail asking for notes—SBC (or I) must have your wrong e-mail address. Also please remember that you can always send your latest news directly to the Alumnae Office and they will forward it to me. As for our news, Clay and I are doing well in Atlanta. We have lots of pink around here with Lily (6), Caroline (4), and Margaret (2). (Drama, drama, drama!) I am home schooling the girls and enjoying it. It has been wonderful for our family. Don't forget that our 15th (yikes!) Reunion is May 18-20 2007—I hope that many of you will be able to make it! Until then take care! Here is the latest from our friends:

Margaret McClellan Driscoll writes that everything is great in Williamsburg. McRae and Parker enjoyed school this year and are having fun this summer. Sean is staying busy with work and she is staying busy with their schedules and various Boards. She was recently elected to serve on the Vestry at Bruton Parish Church along with Isabel "Ware" Burch '60! Margaret has found a new hobby, rowing, and is enjoying being on the water and just won her 1st race! She is looking forward to seeing everyone at Reunion in '07!

Cara Ardemagni LaRoche's big news is that Francesca Lucia was born on Oct. 6. She is beautiful and full of joy, and they are thrilled and blessed to have her in their lives. They recently enjoyed seeing **Trienel Ahearn Hickman** and their beautiful daughter Lawson in Mar. The cherry blossoms in DC were gorgeous! She tells everyone to "Holler if you're in Pittsburgh!"

Katherine "Rin" Bradley-Black still lives in Manassas, VA in an old log cabin on a lake. She and her partner just welcomed their 2nd child, a son, in Apr. Katherine works as an administrator for special education programs at the central office for the local school district. She claims that life is busy, but life is well!

Amy Dickson Riddell writes, "Hey everyone! Greetings from LA! The past year has been a busy one for those of us down in New Orleans and the Gulf Coast. Thanks to everyone who called to check on us after the storm. (Especially

Trisha Pollock Best and **Leigh Matzdorf** Chandler '91). We fared very well and our town is back up and functioning as normal. New Orleans is coming back slowly but surely and the Gulf Coast is fighting to get back on its feet as well. As I am writing this, we have just entered hurricane season (June 1) so we are all just praying this season shows us a little mercy. As for my family news, Tim still works as a Family Practice Doctor in Mandeville and loves what he does. He was one of the first few Doctors to return after the storm and helped get the clinic up and running tending to patients 3 days after Katrina hit. Lauren (10) is very much into dance. Emily (8) has developed a love of soccer and is really pretty good! Grace (5) likes to do anything that her big sisters do, so she takes dance AND plays soccer. As for me, I am still working as a preschool teacher and I don't think I will ever quit. The kids really are sweet! I swear I have the best job in the world! I have also become a full-blown "PTA Mom" as I was elected PTA Co-President at the elementary school. It was a great opportunity to get more involved in the girls' school. In my free time (yeah right) I still play volleyball and soccer and will probably continue to do so until I can't walk anymore! If anyone is ever in the area, please look me up. I would love to get together."

Diana Bradford Walsh and **Nick** welcomed twins on June 22nd, a son Carter Andrew and a little girl Tatum Ainsley. The twins are sure to have fun with their 2 older brothers, Spencer and Gordon! They are still enjoying life in NYC. **Lori Saraniero** writes that everybody is doing well. The kids just finished school and Madison is going to 6th grade and Mason to 2nd. She got to see Charlotte and Tree at her 35th Surprise B-day party this year and she had so much fun. She is getting sad that Tree will be moving this summer. Matt & Lori got their Scuba certification and are headed to Tahiti in Dec.! They are counting down the days! Lori is still working for Merck selling cardiovascular products and loving the job. She was promoted this year to Senior Professional Rep. **Nora Oney** lives in DC and teaches 7th grade English in Fairfax County. She completed the National Board Certification this year. And she noted that she is "still gloriously single..."

Holly Caswell King and her husband David are in Atlanta with their two children, Caswell (6) and CJ (3). I am lucky enough to call her a neighbor—right around the corner!

Rabin "Cricket" Katalovsky and **Kirill** are all well in CO. They welcomed Jasper York in Apr. and big sister Pippin has welcomed him with open arms and has not asked them to return him (yet!) Cricket tells us that life with 2 kids and a dog is a fun ride! Book club with **Ann Lindquist** is going strong and she is excited to go to her wedding this July. Cricket is able to visit with **Trienel Ahearn Hickman** when they are in town. She keeps in touch with Jennifer Gregg '91 who is riding her bicycle from Boston to NYC this spring for AIDS.

Kathleen Davis Willis still enjoys time in Southern VT with her growing family. Their 3rd child and 2nd daughter, Carter Evelyn was born Nov. 19, '05. Mom and Dad barely made it to the hospital she arrived in less than 2 hours. Her older sister, Morgan (6) said that Carter wanted to be here before Thanksgiving. And, big brother Field (3) was pleased. They are taking full advantage of the Green Mountains with all family members skiing this past winter.

Elizabeth Conyers is in the Roanoke area living in Eagle Rock, VA working as a Physician Assistant in Emergency Services in the Chest Pain Center. She is also doing some part-time work in Lexington, VA in the ER as a Physician Assistant. Elizabeth still rides and has a couple of horses. One is in Atlanta hoping to find a new Equitation/Junior hunter home and the other one is with her doing some jumper classes. She has been traveling around trail riding and showing and looks forward to doing more this summer. When she has free time, she volunteers with the Eagle Rock Rescue Squad as an EMT-Cardiac Tech. (go girl!)

Harriet Farmer Hoffman just returned to CO after taking a year off in Rincon, Puerto Rico. They are totally in love with their 1st child, a daughter, Lucia Saussy born in Mayaguez, PR on Mar. 21, '06. They are back in Breckenridge now and hoping to take a break from the winter and snow and visit their home in Rincon. She invites everyone to come surfing!

Kelly Arden Friedman and her husband still live in Atlanta. She still works full-time as a pharmaceutical sale's representative with Schering-Plough Corporation. She is involved in the Jr. League of Atlanta and volunteers with Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. They have a 20-month-old son, Carter and they hope to expand their family soon. Kelly keeps in touch with **Lisa Newman Francisco**, **Pam Shea** and **Erinne Guthrie Zohlman**.

Margaret Gibson was married on July 8th to Alan Everett. **Catherine Gornito Freeman**, **Leise Scheppe Hammer**, **Elizabeth Roane** and **Marilyn Adams** were all bridesmaids.

Amy Peck Driscoll and **Paul** are now the proud parents of Matthew (3) and Constance (16 months). They keep her on her toes! She enjoys the prospect of having a 3rd generation of her family attend SBC! (Amy's mom is class of '61). They are getting ready to move to another house in Virginia Beach and are overwhelmed with how much stuff can accumulate in a small, 3 bedroom house. She is still at home with Matt and Consie. Amy keeps in close touch with **Jaimie Del Monte Galbreath** who lives in McLean. Jaimie's oldest daughter, Katherine, is Amy's Goddaughter and is always such a big help with Matt and Consie.

Julie Brideweser Wingard is expecting their 4th child in the middle of Dec. Her other children are keeping her busy (4, 2.5 and 15 months). Julie still works in the Pediatric Intensive Care unit and loves it.

Kimberly McGraw Euston and **Greg** relocated their family to Marietta, GA in July. Alex and Christopher are in Kindergarten and Katherine is almost 3. Kimberley has left Wall Street and now works as an executive recruiter and consultant with ExecuZen. They are sad to leave NY, especially Christopher, since **Kate Haw** is his Godmother.

Angela Hickman lives in Kansas City, MO and started a new job last Dec. working for Bank of America. Her daughter Kristina is about to turn 14 and she also has a cute 2-yr-old cat named Rex. Life is good and they are looking forward to summer. She hopes to go on a real vacation and she also hopes that everyone is doing great and enjoying a happy blessed life.

Lisa Newman Francisco is still enjoying being in touch with her Sweet Briar friends and most recently visited with **Stephanie Edens Van Horn** and precious new baby boy! Lisa loves being in business for herself; the silk wraps she designs are sold in boutiques and resorts across the States.

Jennifer Toomey Driscoll and **Charles** are still enjoying Hagerstown, MD with Kate (8), Betsy (5) and Charlie (3). Jen stays busy with the kids and volunteering for local charities. Looking forward to a lazy summer—no school, ballet, piano, soccer or lacrosse—whatever will she do with herself? Enjoyed visiting with **Diana Bradford**

Walsh in NYC. Family get-togethers are always fun with **Margaret McClellan Driscoll** at her side. Looking forward to a kid-tilled vacation with her sister Cathy Toomey Gregorie '84 in Isle of Palms, SC this summer.

Alex Hanson Huebner and her husband John live in Alexandria, VA. They are looking for a house in nearby Falls Church. She is the finance manager for Grant Thornton's Global Public Sector—loving her job! Since having her 2nd round of back surgery in Sept., she has fully recovered and has resumed "duties" as captain of the volleyball team. She is also working on her 20th high school reunion—as a member of the reunion committee, she has been researching the whereabouts of her lost classmates. Have found most of them; she hopes the reunion will be a success! Other than all that, she is just enjoying time with her husband and friends. John was just named Executive Chef at Purple Onion Catering Co.

Jennifer McCallum Fulton has moved again to Aledo, TX. They are in the process of building a full-scale equestrian facility. Jennifer raises llamas and goats, as well. She still has a whole herd of adopted greyhounds, but no human children. She continues to work as a supervising Pharmacy Technician in a mail order pharmacy; however, she hopes to be able to stay home on the farm full-time before the year is over.

Ginger Marks Collier reports that all is well with her and her husband in Memphis. Their daughters Stuart (6) and Dabney (4) attend Hutchison School and are active with soccer, gymnastics, choir, dance and art. Their baby girl Claiborne turned 2 in Apr. and spends her time with Ginger taking her sisters to activities! They are constantly working on their house and have started the 3rd, and last, construction project. Life is hectic but fun! They are looking forward to relaxing at the lake and pool this summer.

Charlotte Bonini has settled into DC and loves it! She recently started a new position with the National Trust and Historic Preservation. She feels like she couldn't be a better fit for it. She will be working on the educational sessions for the national conference. This year they will go to Pittsburgh and she hopes to visit with **Cara Ardemagni LaRoche**. She also got to see **Trienel Ahearn Hickman**, **Meg Moss Guegan** and **Lori Saraniero**.

Stacey Simpson works in the Animal Health industry for a Diagnostics company and loves it. She actively

competes and has 2 event horses. She saw Joan Clickner Dabney '91 and her family when they came out to see them at an event in Culpeper. Stacey sees Tracey Loftus Keller '92 every now and again for a catch-up meal. She would love to stay in touch with more of the SBC friends. You can e-mail her at staceysimpson@earthlink.net

1993

Michelle Constable
335 Radnor Chester Rd
Villanova, PA 19085
michelleconstable@yahoo.com

1994

Mary-Linda "Molly" Morris
6452 Cranston Way
Dublin, Ohio 43017
molly.morris@gmail.com

Lee McEachern Collins writes that in '04, after 6 years in the work force, she became a stay-at-home mom to twins Elizabeth Lee ("Lilly") and Robert Carl, Jr. ("Bobby"). She and Bob are enjoying their latest home improvement project, finished in Aug. She stays in touch by phone with **Patricia Geets Hathaway** and **Laura Greene Silsbee**, and visited with Cakki Latimore Namarato '96 at a Christmas party last Dec.

Robyn Barto Knauss and her husband, Peter welcomed baby girl Madeline Axelle on Mar. 24, '06.

Katie Blaik James has closed her law office and is now the Dir. of Development for the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics.

Lesley Byers Bush is having a great time in Denver, CO with her husband Jeff and son Bradford (4) and daughter Madison (2). She still serves as President of the Sweet Briar Colorado Club and enjoys working closely with the College and getting together with fellow alumnae. She often sees Sarah Young Bass '95 and **Kelly Schmitt Molique**.

Courtney O'Dea Plaisted wrote that her daughter Abigail Elizabeth was born on 7/8/06. She thanks her wonderful husband (and a fantastic epidural). Her twin boys are very excited about baby "Abbie."

Liz Gilgan announced that after 12 years of dating, she and Dave Bianco got married! On 5/6/06, she and Dave tied the knot in Ipswich, MA on a historic estate—very appropriate for a

couple that met on an archeological dig! The engagement was memorable—a message in a bottle—and occurred while **Lia De Simone Colbert** and her daughters were visiting. Lia also did a reading at the wedding—a letter Liz's grandfather wrote to her grandmother 70 yrs ago. There were many members of the class of '94 at her wedding. The couple continued their adventure on their honeymoon in the South Pacific. Liz has returned to SBC to give a guest lecture to Professors Chang and Rainville's Anthropology classes.

Betsy Lanard Sullivan is teaching in Philadelphia and teaches for Alvernia College in the summer. Her daughter Marley (17 mos.) is wonderful. She's growing so fast!

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer and fall—please continue to send your class notes to me anytime via the e-mail address listed above!

1995

Holly Miller Mallos
14 Barrow Court
Towson, MD 21204
hmallos@yahoo.com

Sounds like it's been a busy summer for everyone! Again, please contact me if you're not getting my class note requests and deadlines. Speaking of which, **Lucy de Oliveira Bosworth**—where are you? Please let us know how you, Claude, and the little ones are doing!

Speaking of little ones... **Lyssa Vaught** and her partner, Michelle, are enjoying being 1st time parents. Their son, Jack Wyatt Smith, was born 6/19/06. Maggie and Miller, their 2 dogs, are adjusting well to Jack in their Keswick, VA home. They've had tons of support and help from **Leslie Toro** and **Polly Crawford** '93.

Kimberly Roda Moorehead, husband Tim (W&L), and daughter Georgia (3), welcomed Claire Rosalie on 5/24/06. Kimberly says she's a sweet baby and very easy going. I've seen her...she is absolutely gorgeous! Dark complexion and dark hair just like her mama!

Lucile Page Martin, husband Roy, and son Carter (2 in 8/06), welcomed Mary Wingfield on 6/16/06. Lucile says Mary looks like Carter, but has dark hair like the milkman. Lucile seems amazingly calm and says Carter has not tried to beat up the baby yet.

Meredith Williams Melmed and husband, Lynden, had Caroline on 3/28/06. She weighed 8 pounds. Meredith says they're doing well in DC, and getting used to sleepless nights. Meredith is off for 6 months, and will return to work this fall.

Carson Scheppe Hobby had better get used to those sleepless nights again...she and husband, Scott, are expecting their 2nd child around Christmas. She, Scott, and daughter, Mackie, are trying to get some R&R in before the baby arrives, and took off for a week in Harbor Island with family in early summer. She said **Maren Howard Leggett** came to visit her in Jacksonville over Maren's spring break. And Carson also went to DC this winter with Mackie to see Meredith, Maren, and **Eileen Yates Von Herbulis**.

Holly Elkins Marshall has had a busy few years since we've heard from her...no wonder...she's received an MBA, gotten married, and had a baby! Holly received her MBA from Johns Hopkins in 5/02. She married her husband, Stephen Marshall, on 4/05/03 at the Wren Chapel at William and Mary. **Katie Maxwell Schellhammer**, **Anna Reilly** and **Heather Aspinwall** were all bridesmaids. **Catherine Orr Nihem**, **Sarah Young Bass** and **Nikki Stewart Fowler** attended. She and Stephen had a baby girl, Madison Rose Marshall, on 3/30/06! Holly currently lives in Ashburn, VA and works as a Marketing Manager for Rydex Investments in Rockville, MD.

Bergen Hall Daley reports "My family and I are doing very well here in Beverly, MA. Currently, my full-time position is that of stay-at-home mother to our son, Michael Scott Jr. (8/5/03), but I do sub in as a relief counselor at a local home for traumatized children that specializes in art therapy. I love my role as a mother, but I also volunteer in our community thrift shop to keep a connection with the world outside of playgroups and swim classes! My husband works for Loomis Sayles & Co. in Boston and we really look forward to our summer weekends together, often spent enjoying the sunshine with family and friends in Boothbay Harbor, ME and the White Mountains in NH." This summer she plans to attend the SBC picnic (New England chapter) at Green Meadows Farm in Hamilton, and hopes to see Joanne Holbrook Patton '52 and more Sweet Briar alumnae!

Bergen and **Gwen Hickey Babcock** were also bridesmaids in **Beverley Stone Dale's** wedding to Jeff Dale in Richmond on 4/29/06. Beverly said she loved celebrating her big event with Gwen and Bergen. And both Bergen and Gwen raved about how gorgeous Beverley looked. Rumor has it Bergen's son Scott, and Gwen's daughter, Kaeden, took quite a likin' to one another and danced the night way.

Not sure how much dancing Gwen did... as in Jan. she had her 2nd back surgery. She said her recovery was much harder this time, especially with an active, almost 4-year-old underfoot. In Apr., Gwen was also asked to serve on the Alumnae Association Board as Co-Chair of Young Alumnae Giving. Gwen says, "I just can't stop asking you guys for money and I love it!" Gwen looks forward to July 1st—when she takes a trip to CA to visit family, and also starts a new part-time job with her church as a Youth Director.

Paige Tomberlin Jobe still works at Nationwide Insurance and loves it. Her husband is a stay-at-home dad. They have 2 wonderful boys, Jonathan (born 2/8/05), and Thomas (born 1/17/06). Paige lives in Gainesville, GA, and is enjoying her 1st house, which they bought in 08/05.

Sarah Clifford Weaver sells her paintings and pottery in home craft shows twice a year in Dec. and May while painting children's rooms on the side. She enjoys raising her 2 boys RJ (6), who just finished kindergarten and Tyler, (4), who begins preschool in the fall.

Margaret Bruha is now working for NeoPharm Inc., based in Lake Forest, IL. NeoPharm is a biopharmaceutical company dedicated to the research, development and commercialization of new and innovative cancer drugs for therapeutic applications.

Andie Knost Thomas reports life in Durham, NC has been busy! She and her husband recently celebrated their 4th anniversary, and have been busy landscaping and painting their home. Andie is the VP of Programs for Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Triangle, which she says is a very exciting position. Her agency has experienced tremendous growth and success, and is on track for reaching their goal of servicing 1,100 children by the end of '06. She keeps in touch with Jennifer Smith '96 and Yoland Lynn Davis Saunders '96. She hopes to have

Jennifer, Yoland, and Reneca Rose-Atkinson '97 down for a girl's night before the end of the summer.

Dr. Kelly "Pepper" A. Coggs spent this last year teaching Chemistry and Biochemistry at Piedmont Virginia Community College in Charlottesville—and loved it! Her husband took a job with the US Patent and Trademark Agency. They also bought their 1st home in Burke, VA! Their Australian Shepherd (Sunbear) is doing great and enjoying their new fenced-in yard. Sunbear will start running competition level classes again soon! Pepper asks anyone in the DC area to drop her an e-mail at: pepperphd@gmail.com.

Jill Goolsby Baumhover writes, "Brian and I are moving back to the States from Japan in early fall. Brian is getting out of the Navy and we're looking forward to starting a new chapter. Not sure exactly where we'll settle, but it looks like Fort Worth, TX is a real possibility. Our daughter Aubrey is doing well. She's 7-months-old and is very busy...and so am I."

Christy Patten Hundertpfund and husband, Jan, bought a house near Greenwich, London which they are slowly renovating. Christy still works at SweatyBetty, a women's active-wear shop, doing training, HR, etc. She's also started a new job with Eurostar. She says she's excited to be going home this summer to see family at Lake Powell. If you're in London, look Christy up—she says she and Jan love visitors!

Katie Maxwell Schellhammer and her husband Scott celebrated their son William's 1st birthday and son Maxwell's 3rd birthday. To keep one foot in the professional world, this summer Katie organized the community's July 4th festival and parade for 900 residents for the Brambleton, VA Homeowners Association. She keeps in touch with **Holly Elkins, Heather Aspinwall, Christy Patten, Kelly Hall, Kathy Whitby, and Anna Reilly.**

Jennifer Wissman Rosenkranz and husband, David, live in Franklin, TN with son, Joel (6), and Sophia (3). Jen is home schooling both kids, and she and Joel just finished kindergarten. She also works with David, building custom homes and remodeling.

Tory McClintock Wade works at the Chamber of Commerce in Farmville, VA, and was just appointed to the Board of the Hampden-Sydney Music Festival, and to the Classics,

Philosophy & Religion Advisory Board for SBC. She still teaches cotillion—etiquette and ballroom dance to 6th and 7th graders—which she says is an awesome experience. Her son, Benjamin, will be 10 on 6/30/06 and is going into the 5th grade. Her husband, Rob, is medical director of the community health center in Charlotte Court House. Tory went to the '96 Reunion and saw Jen Beck Locke '96, Hunter and Thomas. She also met her husband's good friend, Penny Tadler '91.

Kara Dickey Moore is still with UBS heading up their Cultural sponsorships and events and went to Switzerland in 06/06 for Art Basel... a huge contemporary art fair. Kara got together with **Gretchen Vida, Liz Dunck Hayes** and **Catherine Orr Nihem** in FL in 05/06 for a girl's weekend.

Yana Wagg Gardephe, husband Chris, son Charles Wesley born 5/11/02 and baby daughter Madeleine Grace born 10/21/05 live in NYC (Park Slope, Brooklyn to be more precise). Sweet Briar Art History and JYF program have had a great influence; Yana's son is in a French immersion preschool and she brings him to Sotheby's Contemporary Art exhibitions where Yana worked before he was born. Yana is a stay-at-home-mom and in her quieter moments (ha! if there are any) loves to paint and do copperplate calligraphy, addressing wedding invitations for friends, like Christy Holterman Zeigler '01. Yana is President of the Sweet Briar Club of New York City, serves on the Board of Friends of Art, and is a member of a book club with Diana Bradford Walsh '92. She enjoys seeing Kate Haw '92 at St. Bartholomew's.

Kelly Hall is back off to England this summer to do manuscript research, and to Paris for a bit of fun. She saw **Karen Giorgetti Boruchi** in late spring and got to see her adorable new twin boys (3 1/2 mos).

Jessica John Ponce says things are going great in Vero Beach, FL, but she's gearing up for another hurricane season. Jessica has 3 children, Treatt (4), Gabrielle (2) and John (1). She has 2 successful home-based businesses: one with Creative Memories Scrapbooking, and the other with Usborne Children's books. She and husband, Steve, just celebrated their 5th anniversary in 01/06, and Steve is getting ready to celebrate 10 years as

Youth Pastor of their church at the end of '06! Jessica says she is so excited about what God is doing among the youth in her community, loves being home with her kids, and is thrilled to start her home schooling journey this fall with Treatt.

As for me, I'm enjoying life in Baltimore with husband Paul (W&L '93), and son Walker (2). Never a more active child will you meet. I hope to visit **Lucile Page Martin** and her new munchkin in Atlanta soon (but will unfortunately miss Carter's 2nd birthday bash with special guest, Nick Lachey). I'm also trying to convince **Cathy Cummings** to make a trip to lovely Baltimore this summer to take in an O's game and a bushel of crabs.

Also, since Cathy would never write or brag about this (I will), she was recently promoted to SVP in Bank of America's Media Group, which is huge...as is her most recent accomplishment...As many of you may remember, Cathy suffered a biking accident back in the fall of '05, when she was hit by a car while training for an Ironman. I cannot begin to tell you how lucky she was, and also how strong and stubborn this woman is. Despite all of us kicking and screaming for her to slow down and to wait until she was completely healed to begin training for another Ironman, Cathy trained, competed and easily completed an Ironman this June.... only 10 months after her accident. Her dedication moved me, among many others, and proved to me that with hard work, dedication and desire we can all do just about anything.

Finally, and unfortunately, **Mary Byrd Schroeder Braun** passed away on July 4, '06. She leaves behind her husband, John Braun, and her 2-year-old son, Andrew "Drew." Mary Byrd was greatly loved and admired by all in the Sweet Briar community—not just the class of '95. She will be remembered as a true class leader, a dedicated teammate, and a loving friend that touched so many lives. She will be missed. There is an on-line obituary and guest book available on-line for one year (perhaps more) for you to sign at [http://www.legacy.com/WashingtonPost/Guestbook.asp?Page=G](http://www.legacy.com/WashingtonPost/Guestbook.asp?Page=Guestbook&PersonID=18375682)

uestbook&PersonID=18375682

Take good care friends, Holly

1996

Mrs. Amy Daugherty Michel
8185 E. Smooth Sumac Lane
Tucson, AZ 85710
amy@themichels.net

It's hard to believe that 10 years have passed since we left Sweet Briar, but what a wonderful Reunion we had! 30 women were in attendance, many with their husbands and children. For those of you who couldn't make it, you were missed, but I hope to see you at our 15th!

Paige Vaught Campion writes that she saw **Jill Trzupek Pala** and **Mary Copeland Dellinger** in Nov. for **Amy Daugherty Michel's** wedding in Tucson. It was a wonderful weekend! In Mar., Paige and her daughter Ellie Grace, who turned 2 in Apr., traveled to Sweet Briar and stayed at the Inn for the night. "What a magical place Sweet Briar still is for me!" says Paige. She returned to Sweet Briar for our 10-year Reunion over Memorial Day weekend, and says how wonderful it was to see all her old friends, live the dorm life again, and walk around campus remembering good old times from 10 years ago!

Marie Bandy Wall was unable to attend Reunion, as she was due to give birth to her 2nd daughter on July 3rd! Eldest daughter Sophie is almost 2. In Aug., Marie and her husband (both are dentists) moved their family to Heidelberg, Germany for 3 years, for his final tour as an Army orthodontist.

Julie Hildebrand is currently keeping the SBC spirit alive in Northern VA by being part of the steering committee for the local chapter of the SBC Alumnae Club, along with **Imogen Slade** and **Katrina Balding Bills '97**. She is enjoying life working in the accounting profession, playing with the horses and laughing with her boyfriend, Brett, who attended Reunion with her.

Beth Ike has lots of happy news to share! Beth married Jules Tatum 10/07/06 in Greenwood, VA. In attendance were **Leigh Mason**, **Susie Gross Leroy**, **Ashley Harper Matthews**, **Alex Davis**, **Anna Welton Martin** and Margaret Brodie Williams '97. Beth and Jules continue to make their home in Charlottesville, where Beth works for the Boys & Girls Club and loves it! Beth tells me that Leigh wed her beau Greg Kelly 7/29/06 in Charlottesville, where they also continue to live. Leigh teaches at the Charlottesville Waldorf School and Greg is an artist. Alex, too, had a wedding celebration, marrying Clay

McGeorge 10/21/06 in their hometown of Little Rock, AR. Susie is a nurse at Martha Jefferson Hospital in Charlottesville, and Ashley recently graduated from Bastyr U. in Seattle with a doctorate in Naturopathic Medicine. Anna and her husband Wes reside in Charlotte, NC.

Jessica Gindlesperger Hubbell lives in Atlanta with her husband Brian and son Jackson (2). **Rachel Briers Bell**, her husband Ed, and their sons Charlie (3) and Jack (1) flew from their home in Ft. Myers, FL to Charlotte, NC where they met up with Jessica's family for a great road trip to Sweet Briar for Reunion. Jessica says how much she enjoyed seeing everyone, and tells me that both **Rachael Boyd Belmonte** and **Amelia Dudman Atwill** had planned to attend but had to cancel due to "under the weather" children. Jessica hoped to see Rachael over the summer when she traveled to Atlanta. She also keeps in touch with **JoAnna Reynolds Mathena**, who lives in a WV ski town and is working on opening a coffee/dessert shop, and **Claire Myers**, who still loves living in TX.

Annie Pankoski Sherman and her husband Peter are living in Tiburon, CA where they welcomed their son, Maximilian Joseph Sherman 3/10/06! Annie says she was sorry to miss Reunion, but things are good with her family.

Robyn Peckol Filimaua and her husband Ami have 2 children, Kyleene (almost 2) and Jourdin who was born in Mar. She has just completed her Master's degree in Education, and continues to teach Fitness & Health to K-8th graders, while also officiating volleyball for the Pro Beach Volleyball Tour. Robyn also coaches both a high school team and her Volleyball Club, the Northshore Juniors. Although their lifestyle is very busy, Robyn says the children go everywhere with them. Robyn stays in contact with **Angie Conklin Abell**, who attended Reunion and filled her in on the fun weekend. Angie continues to live and sell real estate on Chincoteague, where she lives with her husband Barry and their children Taulman and Hope.

Robin Bettger Fishburne and her husband Joe are living in Greenville, SC, where they welcomed a beautiful daughter Addison Gibbs 3/10/05! Sarah Betz Bucciero '97 is her wonderful godmother. Robin is still with Ryland Homes as a Sales Counselor, and Joe is an Art Director for TTI Technologies in Anderson. Robin was sad to have missed Reunion, but says if anyone is ever in

town to please call her or e-mail at robin.fishburne@yahoo.com.

Leah Jorgensen continues to love living in and exploring OR and the Northwest. She is still working for Earth Vineyards and has had the distinguished honor to serve as a founding Board member for the Dundee Hills Winegrowers Association. Leah plays lacrosse on a Portland women's club team, hits the golf course regularly, and snowshoes during the winter months. She just published her first collection of poetry, *Basking*, and hopes to finish her first novel, *The Vale of Enna*, over the summer of '06. She sees Vinca Swanson '94 every now and again up in Seattle.

Catharine King Laufer enjoyed being at Reunion and catching up with everyone. It was fun to see all the husbands and children there enjoying SBC! She and Jordan celebrated their 1-year anniversary in DC July 4th. She saw **Jesse Durham Strauss** while there and was thrilled to learn in person that she and husband Oron are expecting their 1st baby in Dec.!

Sarah Chaffee Paris, husband Jon, and daughter Isabella (2/13/03) loved seeing all the girls and their families at Reunion! The Paris family is living in Boston, MA where they will stay at least 1 more year, as Jon was promoted to COO of the MA Sports Comm. Sarah loves being home with Bella, where she also does some freelance proofreading and works on her own writing. In Aug., Sarah traveled to NYC to hear a reading by J.K. Rowling.

Sarah Dennis Roberts writes that she, Hayden and Jackson (3) took 2 fun trips this summer, first to CO and another to Branson, MO, which was a hoot! Jackson will begin preschool in the fall, and Hayden continues to work at the U. of Phoenix while pursuing his Ph.D. at the U. of OK. Sarah is still thrilled to be working for Inasmuch Foundation, and says that living back in Oklahoma City near family and old friends has been a dream come true.

Katie Campbell Brumley and her husband Rob are living in Richmond, VA with their daughter Grayson, who turned 2 on 6/29/06. Katie resigned from the National Trust for Historic Preservation right after Grayson arrived, and has been a stay-at-home mom ever since. She sees **Wynn Cole Burr** and her children and **Buff Barkley Ramsey** on a fairly regular basis, and also sees **Lee Foley Dolan** and **Jesse Durham Strauss** as often as possible (Jesse is Grayson's godmother). Katie and Rob had a ball at

Reunion, and can't wait for the next one!

Kelly Collins Lear writes that she and her family enjoyed a busy summer! They took a 2-week vacation to SC, where daughter Evelyn (2 next Apr.) and the dogs loved the water. Her husband, Aaron completed his residency in Family Practice, and starts a Sports Medicine Fellowship this fall at the Cleveland Clinic. They are happy to be staying in Cleveland for at least another year, where Kelly is tutoring while staying home with Evelyn.

Jill Trzupek Pala writes that her youngest son, Carter James, was 2 in Sept. and older son Harrison James will be 4 in Dec.—time flies! She and husband Jim have been taking the boys on trips around the state and country. Last Feb. they went to Indianapolis to an indoor water park and the Indianapolis Children's Museum, and in Apr., she took Harrison on his first plane trip to CA, which he loved! Jill has joined a MOMS Club, which is an international club for stay-at-home moms, where she was recently elected Vice President of Membership for the Northwest IN area. It has been a great opportunity to meet other stay-at-home moms, and to take the boys on outings with new friends to play with, as well as the weekly group activities they attend. In May, Jill flew to Raleigh to stay with **Paige Vaught Campion** before traveling to Sweet Briar for our 10-year Reunion. Jill says she had a great time, and that it was terrific to see all of you again! She thanks everyone for electing her Class President for the next 5 years and can't wait to see everyone in 2011!

April Collins Potterfield is currently in her 3rd year of a tenure-track assistant professorship and is Dir. of the Allied Health Science program at Westminster College in MO. She started a Gross Anatomy program this year, which was highly successful as she was invited to speak about it at both a regional and national scientific meeting. Great fun, but tiring! Luckily, her position gives her the advantage of spending summers with son Benjamin (2 ½) and husband Russell (when he's not busy with work himself). The Potterfield family was blessed to see many SBC girls this year, and to take many trips together. Benjamin has become quite the world traveler, with his trips for '06 including Napa Valley, Belize, Key West, Orlando, DC, the Outer Banks, and 3 weeks in Italy—not to mention his 1st trip to SBC for Reunion!

Jennifer "G" Smith writes that she is going into her 4th year as Dir. of Guidance and School Counseling at a

Richmond, VA high school. She enjoys her job immensely and is working hard to recruit students to SBC! Although Jennifer was unable to attend Reunion, she recently had an opportunity to visit campus on a college counselor tour. She tells me that SBC Admissions and the president did a great job promoting the many opportunities Sweet Briar has to offer, and that the other counselors from across the country, were very impressed. Jennifer continues to enjoy her time in Richmond, and often talks to **Yolanda Davis Saunders**, Reneca Rose Atkinson '97, Kate Hall Lombardi '97 and Andie Thomas Young '95. In family news, Jennifer says that her mom Carrie, who we remember from our days at the old Bistro, is retired from Sweet Briar after 40 years, and is enjoying a much needed and much deserved rest—life is great!

As for me, **Amy Daugherty Michel**, this year has been amazing! I married Sam Michel 11/13/05, in a beautiful garden ceremony at a Victorian mansion here in Tucson. **Paige Vaught Campion** was a bridesmaid, and **Mary Copeland Dellinger** (who I was so glad to see again at Reunion) and **Jill Trzupek Pala** were also in attendance. In Jan., we adopted Rogue, a black lab/German shepherd mix puppy with blue-green eyes, who keeps us quite busy. I saw Jill in CA in Apr., for my sister Jaime's baby shower (my niece Graysen Olivia was born 6/18/06, a wonderful Father's Day present!), and then again in May when she and I flew to NC and stayed with Paige before we all traveled together to Sweet Briar for Reunion. I had a great time catching up with old friends from our class, and my weekend was made even more memorable by spending time with Betty Sales, my dear friend and co-worker from the Bistro, who retired 2 years ago, and Carson Warrick, another dear friend who has been taking care of Sweet Briar girls in the dining hall for 40 years! It was such a wonderful weekend! In Aug., Sam and I traveled east (his first trip), where we spent a weekend in Wake Forest, NC with Paige and her whole family before heading to DC to be tourists. We even made it to Sweet Briar, so Sam finally has a visual for all these places he's heard me talk about. It was a wonderful year, and I look forward to what the next will bring to each of us. I wish all of you the best, and look forward to hearing from you often over the next 5 years! Take care, and keep in touch!

1997

Kerri Ann Rawlings Burtner
601 N Rosina Ave
Somerset, PA 15501-1327
kerri.burtner@gmail.com

Reunion 2007: May 18-20, 2007

1998

Cynthia Bumgardner Puckett
183 Country Mill Lane
Stockbridge, GA 30281
cynthia_puckett@hotmail.com

Reunion is 1.5 years away; put it on your calendar! We are eager for everyone to attend, and it is great to hear from so many of you. Keep in touch! If you aren't already on the e-mail list for our class, contact cynthia_puckett@hotmail.com to be included, and **Dawn Everett Grobe** has put together a fantastic map at www.frapp.com/sbc1998 to track us all. Drop by and sign in and include a picture if able: 36 classmates and counting!

Cady Thomas is working in the corporate practice group at Kilpatrick Stockton LLP in Raleigh, NC and loves it. She has completed work on her house and swears her puppy Oscar is the most precious dog you have ever seen. She keeps in touch with **Susan Barney**, **Serena Putegnati**, **Bronwyn Beard**, **Katie Martin**, **Angela Elliott Merrick**, **Emily Busse**, **Lindsay Culp**, and Elizabeth Davis Baker '00. She and Lindsay have spent good times together in Atlanta since Cady's work has sent her there often.

Serena is living in her hometown of Brownsville, TX and working as in-house legal counsel for the U. of TX at Brownsville. She keeps in touch with many classmates including Lucinda Polley Howe '97, who has a little girl named Anne. Angela and husband Justin (H-SC '97) have been living in Mobile, AL for a few years now. She has a little girl named Virginia, and Angela is still teaching school. **Tiffney Whitmire Graham** hears from Serena and Cady too, and she keeps in touch with Molly Cameron Dreux '97, Cakki Latimore Namoratto '96, and Julia Ingelido Kellner '97. Tiffney is still practicing real estate and enjoys spending time with her son Caleb.

Gretchen Gravley Tucker passes on that things are going well in SBC Land. "I enjoyed seeing many classmates and SB friends while the Advisory Councils met at SBC in Mar. I want to encourage all my

classmates to come visit for Homecoming! We will have an amazing campaign celebration as you know and many fun activities for folks to reconnect with the College and current students. I look forward to a mini-reunion at that time!"

Alison Burnett '97 enjoys homeownership in Springfield, IL where she works as a lobbyist for doctors. In addition to some great birthday travels, she participated in July's RAGBRAI (*The Des Moines Register's* annual bike ride across IA).

Cyndi Hague Hine and husband Shawn are excitedly anticipating their 1st baby in early Oct. They are still in Fremont, OH where Shawn teaches school. Cyndi has officially become a homemaker after there were some problems in her early pregnancy. She loves being at home full-time. She is still involved with the teens at the community theatre where they performed *Footloose* this summer. She keeps in touch with **Heather Thomas Armbruster** and Kelli Rogowski '99. **Emily Virkus Calle** changed careers, too! After 8 years as a Software Engineer for MITRE, she switched to teaching and competing in ballroom dance full-time.

Pam Fine Auble finished coaching her 3rd season of *Girls on the Run* and started working for the AIDS Marathon Training Program on Sundays. She ran marathon #5 in Jan. and participated in Goofy's Race-and-a-half Challenge in Disney World (1/2 marathon on Sat and full marathon on Sun). She and husband Brent adopted 2 Great Pyrenees former show dogs in Feb. And Pam was promoted to Lead LAN (Microsoft) Engineer at NeuStar, which indicates higher-level work, plus an acquisition of another company that includes extensive travel to complete the integration. She talks with **Emily** and Kelli Rogowski '99 regularly.

Kelly Bowman Greenwood graduated in May from UC Berkeley with a certificate in Landscape Architecture. Next stop is the landscape contractor's exam and license, then the landscape architecture exam and license. She is happily married and working hard. (www.kellygreenwood.com)

Dana Bordvick Poleski is developing her 34-acre farm in Monroe, VA into a riding center. "Got quite a ways to go, but it is neat to see it take shape! My horse is 4 now and doing well under saddle. I'm looking forward to taking her to some dressage shows and hunter trials next year and exploring some mtn. trails with my other "horsey" friends.

My husband Mark is doing well and his business has been very busy. Lots of our friends are having babies, which is fun! I recently accepted a new position as Dir. of Marketing and Communications at United Way of Central Virginia and love it!" She keeps in touch with Kelly Greenwood '99 and **Misty Donathan** ("both of whom I don't talk to nearly enough as I should! But I love those ladies!") She hopes to see everyone at Reunion in '08!

Anna Meres Wade graduated with a M.S. in Family Studies: Marriage and Family Therapy in Sept. '05 and worked at a NH community mental health agency as a youth and family therapist, specifically with children (3–18) and their families. She recently moved to Fayetteville, AR where her husband Patrick and is now in law school at the U. of AR. They are closer to Patrick's family in Memphis. "I love new adventures and experiences so these next few years are going to be a real treat." **Brigitte Laib** moved west to Houston, TX where her job with Drew Marine Safety relocated. And **Susan Aronhalt** relocated to Charlottesville to work at the UVA hospital as a social worker.

TC Weiseman Kennedy loves her work at SunTrust Bank as a Vice President in Product Management. She and husband Burke took their son Loki to the DC area and spent time with Janine Paris Schofield '96, **Erin Wortley Valliere**, and **Joanne Hopkins**. As she mentioned, it's "so weird when your kids meet and play together." They also caught up with **Gretchen** at SBC. **Joanne** went to Majorca with some friends for "spring training" in Mar. The scenery was spectacular. They biked all over the island with a group of British and Scottish cyclists they met the 1st day and went swimming in the Mediterranean. In June, she participated in the MS ride, biking from Richmond to Williamsburg and back to raise money to find a cure.

Rush Harris is finishing her Master's degree in Wildlife Ecology at Utah St. U. She lives "quietly at home in the desert with 3 dogs, 4 cats and my boyfriend Jory." She finished 3rd place in her 1st NORBA women's downhill mtn. bike race at Crested Butte, CO (Jory took 6th in the men's). And she has been in touch with **Carolyn Leddy** and hopes to attend the SBC wedding of Sarah Elkins '99 in July and **Kate Rinehart's** OR wedding in Sept.

Valerie Walston still lives in Santa Barbara and recently participated in the 70-mile "LIVESTRONG" bike ride to benefit the Lance Armstrong Foundation.

She trained since Mar., and the ride went all over the OC and up a 4,200' peak to the Saddleback Mtns. She can't wait to do it next year! **Marnie Tokaruk Bates's** baby Connor is keeping her busy. She lives and works in Richmond, volunteering with the Junior League, and looks forward to attending Darelle's wedding in Nov.

Mary Ann Gheen Bennett is at home taking care of Liam (3) and Cora (15-mos). She visited her sister Becca '03 out in Seattle, WA this year for a week without the children! (Yea, Tim!) Liam starts preschool this fall, and Tim was honored as the VA Single A Track and Field Coach of the year! She keeps in touch with **Susan Aronhalt** and **Nichi Benson Knox** as well as seeing **Gretchen** at the Amherst Junior Woman's Club.

Melissa Coffey is in her 7th year working in the Alumnae Office at SBC and hears from alumnae from all classes on a daily basis! She recently saw **Christina Cotter** in La Carreta and reports that Christina is still teaching and looked great! Melissa enjoyed her trip to Maui with **Jennifer Anderson** and **Rhonda Tyree** to celebrate the arrival of their 30th birthdays and is looking forward to a family vacation in Mazatlan, Mexico in Aug and a girls' getaway in Sept. She still serves as the Treasurer of the Humane Society of Amherst County and hopes that you will adopt a shelter pet (petfinder.com)!

Jennifer Toler Ober (married; abroad to Germany for 3 semesters; returned to graduate with us) has moved between the States and Germany twice and is now working for an IT Systems Integrator called Unilog Avinci as Consultant for Document Management Systems. Her husband, a freelance Composer and Music Teacher, and she celebrated their 10th anniversary this year.

BABY NEWS: Our class welcomes Caleb Barton 8/24/05 to **Tiffiney Whitmire Graham** and Bart; Cody Alexander 4/19/06 to **Lesya Shroades Yeatman** and Ken; Beckett Ford 5/4/06 to **Jayme Calabrese Pomroy**; Jackson Hawke 5/21/06 to **Suzy O'Loughlin Noyes** and Jason; and Robert David 6/9/06 to **Nichi Benson Knox** and Forrest.

EXPECTING BABIES in '06: **Cyndi Hague Hineline**, **Gretchen Gravley Tucker**, and **TC Weiseman Kennedy**.

CLASS OFFICERS: If you want to be involved as a class officer or a volunteer for the Annual Fund and Reunion Giving committees, contact Cynthia for more information.

1999

Lindsey Neef
15012 Ashby Way E
Carrollton, VA 23314-2825
lindseyneef@verizon.net

In May '06, **Kristine Bria** became engaged to Andrew C. Brown of Norwalk, CT. They got engaged in Chicago; Kristine then relocated back to CT, and began a new position at Silver Hill Hospital in New Canaan, CT as the Case Manager on the acute care unit. Kristine's wedding is planned for Mar. 30, '07, and the planning is hectic but going well. **Sarah Dean** and **Julie Harju** are bridesmaids. Her future husband is in construction as well as real estate, and just purchased Kristine a new Landrover which she loves. The transition from Chicago to CT has been challenging, but she is enjoying a new city... Manhattan that is very close to where Kristine and Andrew live. By the end of the summer, Kristine will be eligible to take her LCSW exam to become a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. Kristine will continue at Silver Hill and start preparations to go into private practice.

2000

Margaret Elizabeth Davis Baker
1008 S Walnut Dr
Smithfield, NC 27577
elizabethbake@gmail.com

2001

Amanda Wright
19304 Anna Kate Court
Pflugerville, TX 78660
Sbcclassnotes2001@yahoo.com

It was great seeing so many people at Reunion over Memorial Day weekend! Everyone who attended had a great time catching up with friends in air-conditioned Reid! It seems that while we were at Reunion with each other we missed out on some other big news from our classmates. If I am still missing news from you, please send any e-mail and address changes, along with the latest happenings in your life to my e-mail at sbcclassnotes2001@yahoo.com.

After having spent 10 months living in Yokosuka, Japan, **Cristina Paolicchi** has now begun a course of study at the U. of MD, College Park to acquire a Master's degree of Professional Studies

in Leadership and Ethical Development; after which she will spend 2 years teaching and mentoring students at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD.

Christine Rangel is still in NYC. She recently accepted the position of Marketing Dir. at Felissimo Universal Corporation of America, and is active in the NY Alumnae Club of NYC. She recently visited **Megan Beley** in Naples, FL, **Chanel Smith** in Miami, FL, and also has seen Kim Martin '02, Meghan Pollard '99, and Ali Buffham '04 in NY. She went back to SBC in May to watch her sister, Jane '06, graduate. **Meghan Frier** was there for her sister's ceremony too. She and Kim Martin are looking forward to being bridesmaids in Megan Beley's wedding in Quepos, Costa Rica, in Aug.

Mariana Souza works as an attorney in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Last Apr. she made a trip to Seville, Spain, and got to see **Rocio Guerrero**, who was an exchange student at SBC. Rocio works with the SBC Year Abroad program, and got married 2 years ago. Mariana also reports that she got an invitation to attend Leslie Farinas' '98 Sept. wedding in Spain.

Nia Fonow is sharing a Northern VA home with her long time boyfriend, noted artist and sculptor, Matthew Ravenstahl and his 2 sons Maris (12) and Seth (8). She hosted **Ariana Wolynec-Werner** on her most recent trip to the Washington Area and is looking forward to hosting **Kim Schmidt-Miscavage** and her husband Brian over the summer.

Elizabeth Finch became engaged to her fiancé, Corbitt Wright, on Christmas night. Corbitt is a '94 graduate of JMU. An Oct. wedding is planned. Cameron Theodores Neuhauser '00 will be a bridesmaid and many SBC friends will be in attendance.

Congratulations and Best Wishes to everyone on a very eventful year already!

2002

Arney Elizabeth Walker
1310 Princess St
Alexandria, VA 22314-2212
arney.walker@gmail.com
Reunion 2007: Aug 18-20, 2007

2003

Kimberly Dawn Martin
2411 SW 35th Pl Apt 233
Gainesville, FL 32608-3263
martin03@sbc.edu

2004

Grace Anna Farnsworth
PO Box 73
Sweet Briar, VA 24595
farnsworth04@sbc.edu

2005

Amanda Jane Watts
4223 S 12th Rd Apt 1
Arlington, VA 22204-3762
watts05@sbc.edu

2006

Victoria Alexandra Chappell
350 S Country Rd
No 102
Palm Beach, FL 33480
chappell06@sbc.edu

calendar of events

Below is a select list of events for the upcoming year, please review the online calendar at www.sbc.edu/calendar for ALL upcoming events. (Note dates are subject to change).

November 1–December 10: Sweet Briar Galleries: Wolfgang Jasper, paintings and drawings

November–December 3: Sweet Briar Galleries: "Anonymous America"—folk art and quilts

November 2–4: Sweet Briar College Board of Directors' meetings

November 2–December 14: Sweet Briar Galleries: "Beyond Katrina... Healing Through Poetry and Art. Sponsored by the Arts Council of Central Louisiana, Arts & Healthcare Initiative

November 5: Fall Equitrial Horse Show Competition

November 13–14: SBC Real Life Visit: Admissions Open House

November 14: Babcock Season: Koresh Dance Company
Renowned for their powerful stage presence and high-energy style, Philadelphia's Koresh Dance Company has been hailed as an extraordinary and vital force in the national dance scene.

November 30: Sweet Briar Chamber Orchestra Concert

December 2–3: Fall Open Horse Show Competition

January 18–February 25: Sweet Briar Galleries: Eleanor Dickenson, printmaking, and Holly Wilmeth, photographs

January 25–April 8: Sweet Briar Galleries: Sweet Briar College Art Faculty Show

January 30: Babcock Season: L.A. Theatre Works, Susan Albert Loewenberg Producing Director, presents "Private Lives" by Noël Coward. The foremost radio theatre company in the United States performs one of Coward's most insightful and witty comedies.

February 8–10: Sweet Briar College Board of Directors' meetings

February 9: Women's History Lecture/Jamestown 2007: "A Perfect Union: Dolly Madison and the Creation of the American Nation" by Catherine Allgor

February 10: IHSA Horse Show Competition

February 15–17: Spring Theatre Performance: "Endgame"

February 17: Winter Horse Show Competition

March 1: Women's History Lecture/Jamestown 2007: "Martha Jefferson Randolph: Virginian" by Cynthia Kierner

March 24: Spring Horse Show Competition

March 25–26: Annual Meetings of the Advisory Councils

March 31: Spring Equitrial Horse Show Competition

April 1–2: Sweet Briar Bound: Admissions Accepted Applicants' Weekend

April 13–14: Spring Dance Concert

April 13: Sweet Future Ahead: Sophomore/Junior Admissions Open House

April 14: 80th Annual Horse Show Competition

April 15–16: Sweet Briar Bound: Admissions Accepted Applicants' Weekend

April 26: Women's History Lecture/Jamestown 2007: "Gendered Strife and Disunion: A New Look at the Origins of the Civil War" by Elizabeth Varon

April 26: Sweet Briar Choir's Spring Concert

April 26–28: Sweet Briar College Board of Directors and Alumnae Association Board meetings

May 12: Commencement

May 18–20: Sweet Briar Galleries: Selections from the Sweet Briar College Collection

May 18–20: Alumnae Reunion

Letters

Bateman '08, for whom academic pursuit is important, but secondary to knowing the Lord. May it ever be so for her! and I would like to think it was true for others at SBC too. Perhaps you would pass on my good wishes for her future. Thanks,

—Jennifer Erickson Smith '74

Super Presentation Of Our Students And What Sweet Briar Means To Them

I have just spent the most wonderful hour and a half reading reading the latest magazine [Spring/Summer '06] and our class notes. The magazine is outstanding—what a super presentation of our students and what Sweet Briar means to them. And the class notes! Incredible job, Carol Fowler, and such fun to read!!

—Nannette McBurney Crowdus '57

Those Student Bios Are Something

Congratulations on the latest issue of the *Alumnae Magazine* [Spring/Summer '06]. I read it cover-to-cover in one sitting when it arrived this week. Those student bios are something. What a mixture of sophistication and naivete. Impressive and touching. The college shows up very well.

Well, the Class of '57 notes are certainly something. All that energy is going to produce the Best 50th Reunion of all times! Have a wonderful time, '57!

And again, thanks for a very meaningful issue.

—Pat Brown Boyer '49

WRITE TO US!

(Boxwood Alumnae House,
Box E, Sweet Briar, VA 24595)
or send E-mails!
(sbcmagazine@sb.edu)
or Telephone! (434-381-6131)

My Heart Was Warmed

I believe this is my first ever communication with the alumnae magazine. I usually find something interesting in your well-produced publication and I am always amazed at the fantastic achievements of some alumnae. However, my heart was warmed when I read about Natalie

IN THE SWEET BRIAR *tradition*



Photo © David Abrams

Our alumnae say that friendships made at Sweet Briar span a lifetime. The story of these two families, however, spans generations.

Margaret Potts Williams was one of Sweet Briar's earliest graduates, back when the College was still an "academy." Later in life she helped raise her great-niece, Eleanor Lee Potts Snodgrass. Eleanor "followed" her great-aunt to Sweet Briar, having heard stories about the school for so many years.

Eleanor—or "Pottsie" as she was better known—graduated from Sweet Briar in 1948. Pottsie was great friends with Ann Samford Upchurch, who was in her same class. Sports were an important part of their lives, and the two young women particularly enjoyed athletics together.

Another generation comes into the story with Pottsie's daughters, Susan Snodgrass Wynne '72 and Julia Snodgrass Walker '83, who are Sweet Briar graduates as well. Early in their college years, Susan became close friends with Ann Upchurch's twin daughters, Ginger Upchurch Collier and Kathy Upchurch Takvorian (Class of '72). Ginger and Kathy were part of Susan's wedding, and the women still keep in close touch. To these two families, like so many others, life at the College is an inheritance passed down through generations.

"My mother and sister and I were attracted by the quality and the personal nature of the education that the College could provide," explains Kathy Takvorian, "as well as the physical beauty of the campus. We were definitely swayed by our mother's love of Sweet Briar and had heard about it throughout our childhoods. After visits to other schools, the choice was an easy one. We both applied to Sweet Briar."

Since graduation, Susan, Kathy and Ginger have been very active and supportive alumnae, all three having served at different times on the Board of Directors. All have given generous gifts to the College, with particular focus on the fitness and athletics facilities.

Ginger, who currently chairs Sweet Briar's Board of Directors, is vice chair, director of education, and chief of the general internal medicine section at Christiana Care Health System in Delaware. Kathy, associate chief of the department of rheumatology and associate professor at UMass Memorial Health Care, explains why their gifts and the bequest from their mother focused on the new fitness and athletics center. "Clearly physical fitness enhances health and personal well-being and lowers the risk of disease—not just for men, who have long pursued athletics, but for women as well. Educational institutions have a responsibility to provide the means by which this goal can be pursued. A modern fitness and athletic facility is a tangible indication that Sweet Briar endorses the importance of physical health and is committed to providing quality facilities not only for students engaging in competitive sports, but for every member of the community. Furthermore, a modern athletic facility is important as we seek to attract bright young women to Sweet Briar, since many have already established a pattern of regular participation in sports."

For these women, providing for Sweet Briar's future in memory of their mothers, and for Susan in her great-aunt's memory as well, is like taking care of another member of the family—in an especially meaningful way, they have given not only their own commitment but their mothers' commitment to a lifelong enjoyment of athletics.

"It's a privilege to give," says Susan Wynne, who participates at a leadership level with many philanthropic organizations in the Virginia Beach area and has an extensive giving history with Sweet Briar, both financially and through her work on a number of committees. There is a sense of responsibility. Somebody else gave so that we could have the experience we did at Sweet Briar. I value women's education—my mother and her great-aunt did as well—and it's important that we contribute so that others can follow that same path.

"It's a privilege to give.

There is a sense of responsibility. Somebody else gave so that we could have the experience we did at Sweet Briar. I value women's education—my mother and her great-aunt did as well—and it's important that we contribute so that others can follow that same path."

SUSAN SNODGRASS WYNNE

L-R: Susan Snodgrass Wynne, Rhonda Griffin Durham, Katherine Upchurch Takvorian, Virginia Upchurch Collier. Decked out as Flower Children of the '70s at 1972's 25th Reunion in 1997.

Sweet Briar College
Box E
Sweet Briar, VA 24595

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. Postage
PAID
LYNCHBURG, VA
Permit No. 132

Billy Worley
Library

